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NHS reforms challenge the doctors

Free eye and dental check-ups will end

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Government yesterday announced a big *package of health reforms* that will see a shake-up of family doctor services, the abolition of free dental check-ups and eye tests, and *legislation* to allow hospitals to make profits.

The proposals challenge the autonomy of *GPs and put more* emphasis on preventing ill health.

They will also lead to greater choice by giving patients *better information* about their doctors and allowing them to change GPs more easily as part of a package that is expected to cost tens of millions of pounds.

The changes, many of which have been opposed by doctors' leaders, demonstrate that the Government is now prepared to take on the powerful medical profession.

Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Security who masterminded the final document, has made it clear that the Government will reward doctors in return for their co-operation.

The reforms will see spending on primary health care services increase from £5,000 million to more than £5,600 million by 1991.

But plans to introduce charges for eye tests and dental checks, which are expected to save £170 million, were immediately condemned by opposition MPs, dentists and opticians who claimed that they would deter people from looking after their health. Some illnesses would go undetected.

The Government intends to impose a charge of just under £3 for everyone needing routine dental check-ups and to charge patients a higher proportion of the cost of treatment. These proposals, which are expected to save £85 million, will not apply to groups already exempt from charges such as children, pregnant mothers and those on low incomes.

Proposals to abolish free eye tests, which will save a further £85 million, is an extension of the voucher scheme for spectacles. Under the new scheme people will have to have regular eye tests done privately. Each test now costs the National Health Service £9.30.

Mr Antony Newton, Minister of State for Health, said that increased competition between opticians would probably see the cost of an eye test reduced.

He emphasized that the small charges to those who could afford to pay would help fund far reaching improvements in other primary health care services.

He admitted that changes could yet be made in the White Paper but that the Government was unlikely to rise to yesterday's charges from Labour MPs that the proposals were a "colossal mistake".

"The outcry following our plans to introduce a voucher system for spectacles did not turn out to be justified", Mr Newton said.

Under the reforms, doctors will be given extra payments if they achieve set targets for cervical and breast cancer screening, immunization and vaccinations.

Incentives will also be provided for doctors to give routine check-ups to the elderly and those aged under five and to give health education to all their patients.

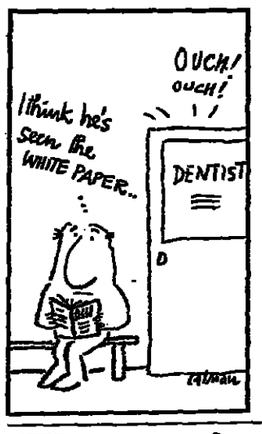
However, the British Medical Association (BMA) last night expressed concern over the proposal to impose cash limits on the funding of general practice premises and ancillary staff.

"Promotion of good health and prevention of ill health take both time and money. This kind of health care cannot be achieved if cash limits are placed upon the doctor's ability to deliver it", Dr Michael Wilson of the BMA said.

"The only firm promise of additional resources for the Government's wide ranging proposals appears to be at the expense of other health care services. The general public will have to pay more for their dental and optical treatment."

Family doctors will, under the proposals, be able to perform minor surgery for emergencies such as lacerations, abcesses and burns, treat ingrowing toenails, and remove cysts.

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Happy end to heart baby's long hospital wait



After the operation: David Barber in Birmingham Children's Hospital last night.

Stable after 2½-hr surgery

By Craig Seton

The mother of baby David Barber last night spoke of her happiness and relief after he finally underwent the hole in the heart operation which had been postponed five times because of a nursing shortage at the Birmingham Children's Hospital.

The hospital said last night that his condition was stable and that he was breathing on his own without the aid of a ventilator.

His operation had gone ahead because three seriously ill children had become well enough to be removed from the intensive care unit, making a place available for his post-operative care.

Mrs Diane Walker, aged 28, who lives with the baby's father, Philip, said that her six-week-old son had emerged from the two-and-a-half hour operation at the hospital looking "pink and very satisfactory."

Looking tired but smiling broadly for the first time since the baby was admitted to the hospital six weeks ago, Mrs Walker said: "I am relieved that the operation is over at last. David seems satisfactory at the moment."

But she said she had not been able to pick him up yet after the operation to repair a defective valve.

She said she felt sorry for other parents whose children were still awaiting urgent operations which had been delayed because there had not been enough trained nurses to man the six-bed intensive care unit.

Her son's plight involved the Prime Minister in a Commons clash when Opposition MPs said the baby's plight highlighted the problems of the National Health Service.

Mrs Walker said of the other parents who still wait: "I know what it is like to be there waiting when your child's life is in danger."

The child's father, who is also aged 28, and is from Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire, had no time to get to the hospital before the operation because it was decided at short notice that it should go ahead.

Mr Barber, a pavior, was still working near their home at Silverdale, Newcastle, but was immediately told of the operation's success. He will see his baby today.

The operation was carried out by consultant cardiologist Mr Babulal Sethia and a team of eight at the hospital. The baby will need future operations.

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Livingstone given tough warning by Kinnock

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock gave Mr Ken Livingstone, Labour MP for Brent East, a dressing-down in front of his national executive colleagues yesterday and a severe warning about his future conduct.

As the patience of the Labour leader and MPs with Mr Livingstone reached breaking-point, Mr Kinnock told him he was not above the rules of the party and that he would be dealt with if he broke them.

Mr Kinnock's renewed confrontation with the former Greater London Council leader came after two weeks of controversy over Mr Livingstone's Ulster views, which continued before the NEC meeting when he renewed his onslaught against the policies pursued by Mr Roy Mason, now Lord Mason, as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

It failed to stop Mr Livingstone, along with two other NEC members, refusing to support a long motion on Northern Ireland which, among other things, condemned the Enniskillen bombing, reaffirmed support for the Anglo-Irish Agreement and opposed the Sinn Fein "bullet and ballot" strategy.

But it appeared to have the effect, however temporary, of stemming the flow of controversial remarks from the hard-left MP. He left the meeting, shephered by colleagues, with little to say to the media.

The hard-left's divergence from the official party line on Ulster was further underlined by a Commons motion tabled yesterday by Mr Tony Benn and 17 other Labour MPs, including Mr Livingstone, calling on Britain to end its jurisdiction in Ulster and withdraw all troops.

Mr Kinnock's verbal assault delighted the NEC. Seizing on Mr Livingstone's remark that he could not be disciplined because he came fourth in the NEC elections, Mr Kinnock said that was an elitist view for someone who "considers himself to be such a democrat".

He said: "You have a right to speak, and a right to be

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A woman convicted for her part in the Guildford pub bombings of 1974 is refusing to share a platform with Mr Ken Livingstone at a north London meeting run by Brent Council's police committee.

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Missile freeze to start at signing of treaty

From Richard Owen, Brussels

Nato is to freeze all deployment of cruise and Pershing 2 missiles as soon as the ink is dry on the new Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty at the Washington superpower summit in under two weeks' time, without waiting for ratification by the American Congress, Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, said yesterday.

The announcement means that none of the 64 cruise missile warheads earmarked for Molesworth, in Cambridgeshire, will now arrive. The freeze on deployment will come even though some voices in Congress oppose ratification, and even though Moscow has given no similar undertaking.

Like Britain, Belgium, The Netherlands, Italy and West Germany have agreed with Washington not to deploy after December 8. Previous American statements have said Nato deployments would only stop when INF was ratified. This is not likely to happen until next summer. Mr Shultz said Moscow would not be bound by the treaty until then, when both sides would begin to withdraw and destroy Euro-missiles in a phased programme over three years.

The European allies yesterday gave full and "delighted" backing to the historic treaty on Euro-missiles, and urged the US Senate to ratify it without delay. Mr Shultz, who flew from Geneva to Brussels to brief the Nato Council, said it was a good treaty which must be ratified. "Anyone who says Europe does not like the treaty does not have a clue about European attitudes," Mr Shultz declared.

This vigorous call, echoed by all the allies, is clearly designed to head off any risk that American senators critical of INF will use European – and especially West German – doubts about the deal to hold it up. Nato officials acknowledged that Russia would retain an overwhelming arsenal even when the SS 20s had gone.

Yesterday Mr Shultz had a separate meeting with Lord Carrington, the Nato Secretary-General, and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister. Herr Genscher repeatedly stated that no one in the US Senate should be allowed to believe that West Germany harboured doubts about INF and asked Mr Shultz to take the message to Washington that Bonn was 100 per cent behind the deal.

The issue is sensitive because of disquiet among some Europeans that although INF affects Europe directly, it is not involved in the talks. Some West German conservatives argue that withdrawal of the Euro-missiles will leave Europe in general, and West Germany in particular, vulnerable to an overwhelming Soviet conventional strength and to Soviet short-range missiles with a range below 300 miles, which are not covered by INF.

Nato has only a few short-range missiles such as Lance. The doubters in Bonn are said to include Herr Manfred Wörner, the Defence Minister, and a possible successor to Lord Carrington as Nato Secretary-General.

Mr Shultz said the INF deal was historic because it involved major nuclear arms reductions, was "assymetrical" (that is, Moscow is giving up four times as many warheads as Nato) and provided for far-reaching inspection procedures to avoid cheating.

Asked if the allies had qualms about having Soviet

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Bonn move fails to lift dollar

By Rodney Lord Economics Editor

West Germany is planning new measures to strengthen its economy, said Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, its finance minister, yesterday. This will help to avert the danger of a world recession after the stock market crash.

Despite the news the dollar closed in London 1.60 pfennigs down at DM1.6675 and 1.2 yen lower at Y134.60. Dealers were worried about the solidity of the US budget deficit agreement.

The FT-SE 100 index closed 25 points down at 1,664.1, and Wall Street opened lower. The pound rose 2.4 cents against the dollar to $1.7955, and 0.25 pfennig to DM2.9936.

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Electronics firms lose 14,000 research jobs

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A drop of 14,000 people employed in research and development in the electronics industry has worried government advisers.

The loss of a fifth of the manpower over four years is shown in the latest survey of spending by Government and industry on science and technology. It adds to the fears of Mr John Fairclough, the government's chief scientific adviser, about the declining competitiveness of Britain's electronics industry, also revealed in the survey.

The team who prepared the statistics, part of the *1987 Review of Government Funded Research and Development* published yesterday, have no explanation for the exodus from electronics.

One key area of high defence expenditure is the development of sophisticated electronic guidance systems, and there is evidence that companies in this field are being squeezed because of the pressures on the budget.

The Ministry of Defence said last night, however, that there was no evidence of experts in the defence-related electronics industry leaving their jobs.

Mr Fairclough says that the electronics industry's own investment is too low, compared with the £444 million it received from Government. The report praises the performance of the chemicals and vehicles industries, which increased investment in research and development by 20 per cent and 60 per cent respectively over the four years.

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Telecom to forfeit call-box monopoly

By Colin Narbrough

British Telecom is to lose its monopoly on public call boxes, opening the way for new companies, styles and colours in telephone kiosks, Mr John Butcher, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, revealed yesterday.

He said that BT had to be exposed to the "spur of competition". Mr Butcher's disclosure follows a meeting last week between Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Trade and Industry, and Professor Bryan Carsberg, Director-General of Oftel, the watchdog body for telecommunications, which is due to publish a report on call boxes soon.

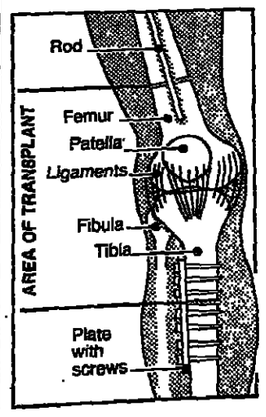
BT has been widely charged with neglecting call boxes, despite its obligations to provide them to the public. The high cost of repair and maintenance of booths in the face of vandalism has been seen as a key factor. The company has argued that it has already installed thousands of its new hi-tech booths to replace the traditional Post Office model.

But Mr Butcher said the Government had decided that consumers should have more choice. Professor Carsberg had said more competition might be introduced by:

- Letting Mercury, the only licensed telephone network operator competing with BT, to provide public call boxes;
- Deregulating the market for rented pay-phones in shops, restaurants and other public places;
- Licensing independent operators to provide services using BT or Mercury lines.

Mercury appealed to the Office of Fair Trading earlier this year to be allowed to compete with BT phone boxes.

American doctors conquer the knee transplant



Philadelphia (NYT) – The first successful transplant of an entire human knee has been announced by the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

The complex operation was done to save the leg of a woman, aged 32, who had developed a potentially malignant tumour on her knee the size of a grapefruit. Without the surgery, she faced the amputation of most of her right leg because the fast-growing tumour had destroyed bone and was encroaching on vital nerves and arteries.

Dr Richard Schmidt, the orthopaedic surgeon who performed the complex operation on September 30, said the procedure had the potential to save the legs of hundreds of patients each year. The knee, moreover, is the largest and most complex of the body's joints, and the technical advances that have made the surgery possible may also facilitate transplants of other joints.

Dr Schmidt said he expected the patient, Mrs Susan Lazarchick of Absecon, New Jersey, to regain close to normal use of the leg within two or three months. She should be able to walk without a cane or crutches, and be able to swim, ride a bicycle or dance at least slow steps. But he said she should not try contact sports or such heavy exertions as skiing.

The donor was an 18-year-old man who died in a motorcycle accident a week before the transplant operation. Dr Schmidt noted that the operation required the close co-operation of the bone bank operated by the university.

The surgeon said Mrs Lazarchick had few options, the most obvious of which was removal of most of her leg. As an alternative, an artificial substitute for the knee could have been produced, but there was not much time in which to fit this to her and, Dr Schmidt said, it would have been only a temporary expedient because the artificial joints typically are expected to last only several years. Or she could have had a rigid support, which would have left her with a permanently stiff leg.

Mrs Lazarchick was joined at the hospital on Tuesday for the announcement by her husband, Michael, and their four-year-old son, Aron. She had her right leg in a cast to the ankle.

She said the operation was frightening, but "today I'm doing great".

Miss Nancy Tolin, an oncology nurse specialist who is co-ordinator of bone bank distribution, said the operation

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Two in court on child sex charges

A man and woman appeared before a special court at Sandbach, Cheshire, yesterday charged with sex offences against children.

The unemployed man, aged 39, from Congleton, Cheshire is charged with raping a girl aged six and with committing a serious sexual offence against a boy aged three.

The 45-year-old woman was charged with aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the rape of the girl. They were both remanded in custody until Friday. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Mr Patrick Hutchinson, for the prosecution, said that the alleged offences occurred before July this year.

Both were taken to the court in separate unmarked police cars with blankets over their heads.

Bewicks return

A collection of 300 works by the Northumbrian artist and engraver, Thomas Bewick, went on display in Newcastle upon Tyne yesterday after being brought home from the United States.

The National Heritage Memorial Fund paid more than £100,000 for the collection to prevent it being split up for sale to American collectors.

It will go on permanent exhibition at the former Bewick estate at Cherryburn, near Stocksfield, Northumberland, which is being restored by the Thomas Bewick Birthplace Appeal.

£1m win on pools

A grandmother has won more than £1 million on the football pools only eight months after being dragged unconscious from a car.

Mrs Alice Smith, of Oldham, Greater Manchester, was injured after visiting one of her 14 great grandchildren last February. She also has 18 grandchildren, three sons and a daughter.

Yesterday Mrs Smith, aged 73, and her husband, Harry, aged 77, were presented with a £1,021,024 cheque by Tom Jones, the singer. Mr Smith said he would buy a new fishing rod and two snooker cues.

Shooting inquest

The man killed in a police ambush on an armed robbery this week died from wounds to the neck and chest, a south London coroner's court was told yesterday.

Anthony Ashe, aged 49, died as a gang went to change getaway cars after a £10,000 robbery on a Securicor van on Monday in Woolwich, south London.

Yesterday Sir Montague Levine, the Southwark coroner, adjourned the inquest on Ashe, of Peckham Rye, until next February.

Postmen's warning

Leaders of the 165,000 postal workers meet today to decide whether it is worth continuing talks with the Post Office in an effort to avert a threatened Christmas strike.

It is expected that the executive of the Union of Communication Workers will tell negotiators to continue talks but to give the Post Office a warning that the union's patience is running out.

The postal workers have voted to begin action on December 10 over their claim for a shorter working week.

Pit jobs at risk

Scottish miners who have resisted any hardening of the coalfield overtime ban because it could threaten "borderline" pits, heard yesterday that up to 650 jobs could be lost at one of Scotland's biggest mines which faces closure early next year.

Seafield colliery, near Kirkcaldy, is expected to lose £11 million this year.

In Nottinghamshire yesterday members of the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers were told that Linby colliery near Hucknall, which employs 794 miners, must close.

Flood alert 'not sent'

A British Rail engineer received no flood warnings before last month's Welsh rail crash which killed four people, a public inquiry was told yesterday. Mr John Andrews, a civil engineer working in the area, said that Welsh Water Authority flood alerts covering the river Towy were not passed to him.

The early morning Swansea to Shrewsbury passenger train, being used to check the line because of severe weather, plunged off the collapsed Glanrhyd Bridge, near Llandeilo, Dyfed, killing the driver and three passengers.

The highest category of flood alert was in force on the river 12 hours before the accident, Mrs Jean Frost, a water authority hydrologist, told the Swansea hearing. The inquiry continues.

Strike threatened over 'TV Wapping'

By Roland Rudd

A nationwide television strike was threatened yesterday as managements insisted on changes in working practices which would have the same impact on their industry as Wapping had on newspapers.

Tyne Tees Television dismissed 34 electricians who stopped work in protest at the introduction of flexible working.

TV-am warned its technicians, some of whom earn £52,000 a year, that they would be locked out indefinitely if they refused to give an unconditional guarantee that there would be no more disruptions to the *Caring Christmas* programme, a daily report on a charity campaign to raise gifts for the elderly.

Instead of Anne Diamond and Richard Keys presenting the programme, viewers have been offered *Batman* and cartoons since Monday. Viewing figures have not slumped.

Mr Alan Sapper, general secretary of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, said many of his members thought the management was "spoiling for a fight". He warned the company that if it tried to change industrial practices by "doing a Wapping" there would be a general strike in the industry.

His fears of another Wapping were partly backed up by a highly placed independent television source who said: "The independent television companies are confronted with exactly the same position Fleet Street was facing a few years ago.

"They know that unless the problems of overmanning, restrictive practices, demarcation and other so-called 'Spanish practices' are sorted out, then some bold entrepreneur could move in and produce programmes cheaper."

The dispute at TV-am started with an argument about whether the *Caring Christmas* programme was a feature production requiring six people or a news gathering programme, requiring only four.

Management has insisted that it is news, to be operated by a reporter, an electrican, a cameraman and a sound recordist. The union says it is a feature needing two more people, a production assistant and director.

At the heart of the conflict is the wider problem of changing working practices. After years of monopoly, the companies are facing the prospect of intense competition from satellite companies and a Government which has made it clear that small independent programme makers should account for a quarter of all output.

To remain competitive, the managements want to introduce new working arrangements, which mean altering national pay and conditions agreements the unions are anxious to protect.

Inquiries are stepped up to identify Tube victims

By Tony Dawe

The search for clues to the identity of the two unknown victims of the King's Cross Underground fire was intensified yesterday when a leading Home Office pathologist was called back into the inquiry.

Dr Ian West returned to St Pancras coroner's court, north London, to study the bodies of two men who remain unidentified. One is a black youth and the other a middle-aged white man. Evidence of identification of the 28 other victims was given at the start of an inquest on Tuesday.

Dr West studied a bone-flap operation carried out on the head of the middle-aged man. Police aiding the coroner have been in contact with a Belfast surgeon who specializes in the operation, who they hope can help with identification.

Some of the victims were carrying personal documents but others suffered so badly that their belongings and clothes were destroyed. The police had to rely on calls from members of the public who feared that friends or relatives might have been in the area. Items of jewellery, such as signet rings, and dental records were then checked to confirm identity.

● Some staff cuts which could have hindered the speedy evacuation of trains in an emergency and reduced the cleaning of the Underground system have been frozen in the wake of the King's Cross fire, it was announced yesterday.

British Rail said it had deferred plans to withdraw guards from next Monday on the Finsbury Park to Moorgate line, which connects with King's Cross, as part of a review of evacuation procedures on its two short underground lines in London and a longer one on Merseyside. London Regional Transport has stopped job cuts so that it can introduce a special programme of escalator cleaning.

● Transport police are counting on increased public vigilance to stop smoking on the London Underground (Gregory Weingarten writes).

Inspector John Bryant, of the British Transport Police, said: "The public tend to ignore smokers in the Underground. They don't want to get involved when the smoking ban should really be self-policing. That may change now. I'm hoping more people will ask smokers to stop. If that doesn't work, they should notify the staff or the police."

Smoking has been banned totally on London Underground stations since investigators established that a discarded cigarette was the probable cause of the fire.

● An immediate telephone "hotline" and a long-term "warmline" were needed to help cope with a disaster such as the King's Cross fire, a solicitor said yesterday.

Mr Roger Suddards, who was responsible for the Bradford football ground fire appeal, told a seminar on emergency services at Bradford University that a 24-hour "hotline" would enable specialists to be contacted immediately, while a "warmline" could provide access to libraries of information. A method of keeping information up-to-date was also necessary.

● A preliminary meeting of the public inquiry, to be chaired by Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, into the disaster will be held next Wednesday at Church House, Westminster, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, announced yesterday.

● Hundreds of mourners attended the first of the funerals for the fire victims yesterday. The bodies of Mr Rai Singh, aged 23, his sister, Mrs Shisheila Cottle, aged 28, and her son, Dean, aged seven, were carried in three hearses to a service at the City of London crematorium, Manor Park.



A detail from "The Finding of Moses", painted in 1651 by Nicolas Poussin, which is the subject of a six-month export embargo imposed by the Government. Report, page 6.

Titanic letter comes home

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

There was a happy ending yesterday at Phillips to the story of a letter sent by a little girl travelling on the doomed Titanic, when it was bought for £1,760 (estimate £300 to £400) on behalf of its author, now an old lady, by her niece, Mrs Charles Lennox-Coningham.

The avid underbidders were an American couple who had plans to give it to a museum.

Antique Christmas cards also sold well, one of punch-drinking revellers by John Calcott Horsley fetching £2,750 when it sold to the dealers Quaritch.

A total of 35 per cent of Sotheby's London sale of nineteenth-century European paintings, drawings and sculpture failed to sell yesterday, although the official reason given was a healthy selectiveness among buyers.

Many of the lots that sold did extremely well, such as the portrait of Miss Anna Cassel, which at £198,000 (estimate £40,000 to £60,000) was a record for a watercolour by the Swedish painter Anders Zorn.

A second record price of £33,000 was achieved for a George Price Boyce painting, of Streatley Mill at Sunset, when it sold to the dealer Peter Nahum.

The artist's widow apparently offered it to the Tate Gallery in 1930, but the painting had been refused by the Trustees.

An Alma-Tadema painting of Anthony and Cleopatra which had sold at Sotheby's in 1973 for £18,000, fetched £165,000.

Also in London, Christie's achieved a record for an ivory chess set, which sold for £19,800.

SALEROOM

TV Bill avoids key issues

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The Government is backing away from including the key issues affecting the future of British television in its broadcasting Bill planned for late next year.

Legislation is expected to be restricted to introducing widespread changes to radio, foreshadowed in its Green Paper earlier this year, putting the planned Broadcasting Standards Council on a statutory basis, tidying up existing law involving cable and satellite and possibly streamlining the system for collecting TV licence fees.

Fundamental decisions involving a possible fifth "terrestial" TV channel, "privatizing" Channel 4, changing the system for awarding ITV contracts, programme networking, and so-called microwave broadcasting, will have to await a second broadcasting Bill, which may not be introduced before 1990.

Viewers 'turned off by TV sex'

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

Television viewers have been turned off by sexually explicit scenes and want the screening of such material stopped, the BBC's annual report and accounts disclosed yesterday.

The trend in audience attitudes was a consistent theme in the 60,000 letters sent to the BBC about its programmes.

The main target of criticism was Dennis Potter's controversial drama serial, *The Singing Detective*, which attracted the largest correspondence concerning any single programme. Out of 755 letters received, 652 were critical "particularly of one scene of sexual behaviour".

"Correspondence generally showed a notable tendency for people to look to drama and entertainment to convey the feeling of a changing, and stricter, code of sexual conduct."

The slimline report represents the first of a three-part campaign to improve the BBC's communication with the public and will be backed up in the new year with a two-hour television programme, called *See For Yourself*, and a special 24-page insert into *Radio Times*.

The programme will be shown on January 3, and will feature Mr Michael Checkland, director general, and Mr Marmaduke Hussey, chairman, as well as showing behind the scenes activity at the BBC. It will be followed by a phone-in radio programme.

In the annual report, Mr Checkland says that the corporation sees itself as a modern £1,000 million company adapting to competition "as other companies in this country have had to do".

He says: "If it was once seen as bureaucratic and a stout defender of the status quo, it is now increasingly seen as willing to listen, to admit mistakes, and to come to terms with change".

The report discloses an increase in BBC employees earning more than £30,000 a year. In 1986, 93 were in the £30,000-£35,000 bracket compared with 155 in 1987. There are 62 people earning between £35,000 and £40,000 compared with 17 a year ago, and 12 people earning between £40,000 and £45,00 compared with four in 1986.

● Younger members of the Royal Family who indulge in public "fun and games" are damaging the image of the monarchy, Mr Godfrey Talbot, a former BBC court correspondent, says in a television documentary to be screened tonight.

The programme, made by Thames Television, examines a year of royal media embarrassments, including the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York indulging in horseplay at Ascot, and members of the royal family taking part in a charity *It's a Knockout* show.

Survey of offenders

Burglars work while on bail

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

More than a third of all people charged with burglary were found in a study to be on bail for other offences.

Half were on at least two separate bails, says Det Supt Donald Taylor, deputy co-ordinator of No7 regional crime squad, in *Police*, the magazine of the Police Federation.

Det Supt Taylor said the figures for the survey, undertaken in Bristol, did not give the full picture as many of those bailed for burglary subsequently committed a criminal offence other than burglary and those occasions were not included in the survey.

One unemployed man with seven previous convictions was on seven consecutive bails for crimes as diverse as assault on police, damage, burglary, theft of a motor vehicle and breath test offences.

Det Supt Taylor says: "The Bristol figures suggest a 're-offend' rate for persons on bail that must be completely unacceptable." The study of 172 prisoners covered burglars aged over 17 appearing before Bristol Magistrates' Court between July 1 1986 and December 31 1986. It shows that 93.6 per cent of all burglars charged had previous convictions.

Mr Tony Judge, editor of *Police*, said he had discussed the figures with officers throughout the country. "Their impression is that virtually the same situation obtains elsewhere".

Police says in a leading article that Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, had given magistrates a broad hint this month, reminding them of the Bail Act's obligation that they exercise a presumption in favour of bail. *Police* said it hoped Mr Hurd would study the "startling information" in Det Supt Taylor's article.

The figures showed that the majority of burglaries were the work of a comparative few, who passed in and out of police hands frequently.

"The Government is rightly concerned about prison overcrowding, but surely a policy which allows burglars to 'carry on regardless' is too high a price to pay for administrative convenience."

Det Supt Taylor suggests a clause be inserted in the Criminal Justice Bill requiring an offence committed on bail to be a "specific offence, carrying a consecutive sentence" with the charge making it clear that the offence had been committed whilst on bail.

The Home Office said yesterday that the Government did not intend to change the law on the granting of bail.

£31,000 to barristers in industry

By Ronald Faux
Employment Affairs Correspondent

Barristers who choose industry rather than the Bar earn slightly less than the average for company directors, the Bar Association for Commerce, Industry and Finance said yesterday.

More than 300 Barristers took part in a survey and recorded average earnings of £31,000. Women were paid £4,000 less on average although two achieved salaries of more than £50,000.

One in five was employed in a non-legal position such as managing director, taxation consultant, marketing director or human resources manager. *Remuneration Survey '87 for the Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry* (Inbucon Management Consultants Ltd, 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7; £25).

Spycatcher hearing

Role of Press is conceded

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, was forced to admit yesterday that the Press has a role to play in investigating and commenting on allegations of illegal activities.

However he said that such a role was only a "last resort" where other avenues had been tried and had failed.

Sir Robert was under cross-examination on the third day of the Government's case for a permanent ban on *Spycatcher*, the memoirs of Mr Peter Wright, a former MI5 officer.

He indicated at first that the Press had no part to play where allegations of misdeeds extended to national security.

He told the court: "The answer is not so clear cut; one would have to be very careful."

He added that in any case allegations of wrong-doing by the security services were "so far fetched" that it was impossible to answer the hypothetical question.

If there were such allegations, they would be damaging; and if unfounded, that damage should not be incurred.

The judge, Mr Justice Scott, pressed Sir Robert over whether, if there were allegations, and they turned out to be true, and they were left undealt with for a long time, and they were of "general public interest", that would not merit some publicity?

At first Sir Robert repeated his view that the proper channel for allegations should be the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Prime Minister, or the Staff Counsellor which the security services have now set up specifically to deal with such complaints.

The judge, persisting, asked whether the complainant could not go to the Press and go public if he had been to the responsible authorities and nothing had happened.

Sir Robert said: "He might be advised to do that if he really felt matters were not taken as seriously or investigated as they should."

He added: "I think you should get to that point very late in a case where national security is raised".

Sir Robert's admission came at the end of a day of intensive cross-examination by Mr Charles Gray, QC, for the *Observer* and *The Guardian* newspapers.

Sir Robert was giving evidence for the Attorney General who is seeking to have a temporary ban on the contents of *Spycatcher* made permanent. The two newspapers, with *The Sunday Times*, are opposing the action.

The hearing continues.

Wapping move by Willis

The national executive committee of the electricians' union is to consider whether to allow its senior officials to be questioned by the inner cabinet of the Trades Union Congress about its role in the dispute last year between the print unions and News International (Tim Jones writes).

Yesterday, members of the TUC's finance and general purposes committee accepted a recommendation from Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, that representatives of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union (EETPU) should be invited to the next meeting to answer questions about the affair.

Members want to question EETPU leaders about the union's own report which acknowledged that "the Wapping issue has been an unmitigated disaster".

Town plan puts villagers up in arms

By Alan Hamilton

Residents of Kidlington, Oxfordshire, proud to form the population of England's biggest village, have taken exception to a decision by their elected representatives to turn them into townies.

Last week, the Conservative-controlled Kidlington parish council voted to turn itself into a town council and its chairman, Mr David Ilott, into a mayor. Mr Ilott has appealed to local businesses to give a complete set of mayoral regalia, and has advertised for a town crier.

But so many of the 17,200 villagers have objected to the change being made without their consultation that a public meeting has been called for next week in an attempt to have the decision reversed. They are angry that the council did not hold a referendum, and that the change of status was voted through with only eight of the parish council's 13 members present.

Mr Malcolm Baker, a local resident, who has called the public meeting and is organizing a petition against the change, said yesterday: "It is ridiculous that eight people at a meeting should take a decision like this that will affect more than 17,000 people. The council must be made to explain its action."

Defending his decision and his new-found status as mayor, Mr Ilott said yesterday that adopting town status would give Kidlington more say on Cherwell District Council, and would increase the chances of attracting new stores and businesses to the area. He also hoped it would earn them their own police station; Kidlington's biggest business is the headquarters of Thames Valley Police, but it does not have a village police station of its own.

Mr Ilott also thought that becoming a town would be a defence against a possible takeover-bid by the Labour-controlled Oxford City Council, near by. He said the council had not held a referendum because it would have cost the ratepayers £2,000. Becoming a town did not mean that the rates would go up; they might even come down.

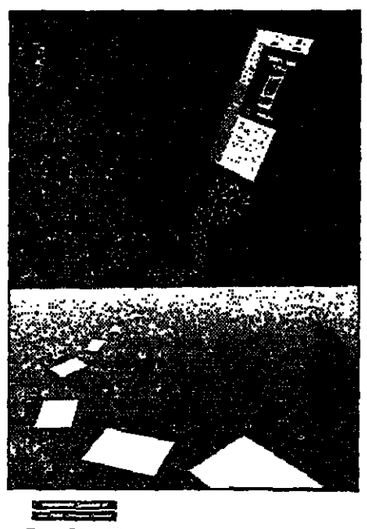
The new mayor's defence has cut no ice with Kidlington's four Labour councillors, who suspect the decision is simply to allow him to dress up in robes and chain.

One councillor, Mr Ron Groves, said: "I can see no benefit whatsoever in Kidlington becoming a town. I think the Tories have been purely egotistical." Another, Mr Bob Laynes, said it was "just not true" that it would give them more clout on the district council; their representation there was six, and would remain so.

"I think the main reason for people's anger is that they were not consulted first, but many also felt proud to live in Britain's largest village", Mr Laynes said.

The Department of the Environment confirmed yesterday that parish councils were entitled to turn themselves into towns; it made no difference to their powers. A royal charter was required only if a district council wished to become a borough.

The residents of what was England's biggest village are at least relieved that they have not been transmogrified into a small bunch of burghers.



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White Paper outlines the Government's plans for a fitter Britain

Prevention rather than cure is seen as the way forward

Reports by Jill Sherman and Thomson Prentice

The Government's belief that prevention is better and cheaper than cure has resulted in policies aimed directly at promoting better health and reducing preventable illness and disease.

Primary health care services, which cost over £5,000 million a year, are "the front line of the NHS" and have a central role in achieving the Government's main objective, "a healthier nation", according to the White Paper, *Promoting Better Health*.

Last year 180,000 people died from coronary heart disease and about 40,000 others were killed by lung cancer. Almost 15,000 women died from breast cancer. Most of the 2,000 deaths a year from cervical cancer occur among women who have never been screened.

A quarter of young people are overweight. Alcohol and drug abuse are taking increasing tolls in sickness, death, loss of working days and costs of treatment.

The White Paper says: "By helping people to adopt healthier lifestyles, those working in the primary health care services can build on the considerable progress that has already been made in enhancing the quality of life.

"By further improving services to prevent ill-health, more unnecessary suffering can be avoided and more lives can be saved.

"A greater emphasis on the avoidance of ill-health should in the longer term also lead to more cost-effective use of expensive hospital facilities, and enable resources to be targeted at areas in greatest need."

The Government proposals include national screening systems for cervical and breast cancer, and "special fee" incentives to general practitioners to carry out more check-ups on all their patients, from young children to the elderly.

This will lead, it is hoped, to more children being immunized against diseases such as

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measles and whooping cough, and to more adults being offered blood-pressure tests, and advice on lifestyle factors such as diet, exercise and smoking.

"The emphasis is on promotion of good health rather than just on the treatment of illness", the White Paper says.

"In the early years of life, children are particularly prone to illness and accidents, and parents need frequent advice on treatment and care.

"On occasions appropriate preventive measures and prompt action can avoid the possibility of lifelong handicap. It is important for doctors to be alert to and to recognize situations in which children might be at risk."

Computerized cervical screening systems for all women aged 20-64 will be nationally introduced by next spring. More than 100 breast cancer screening units for women aged 50-64 are being set up between now and 1990.

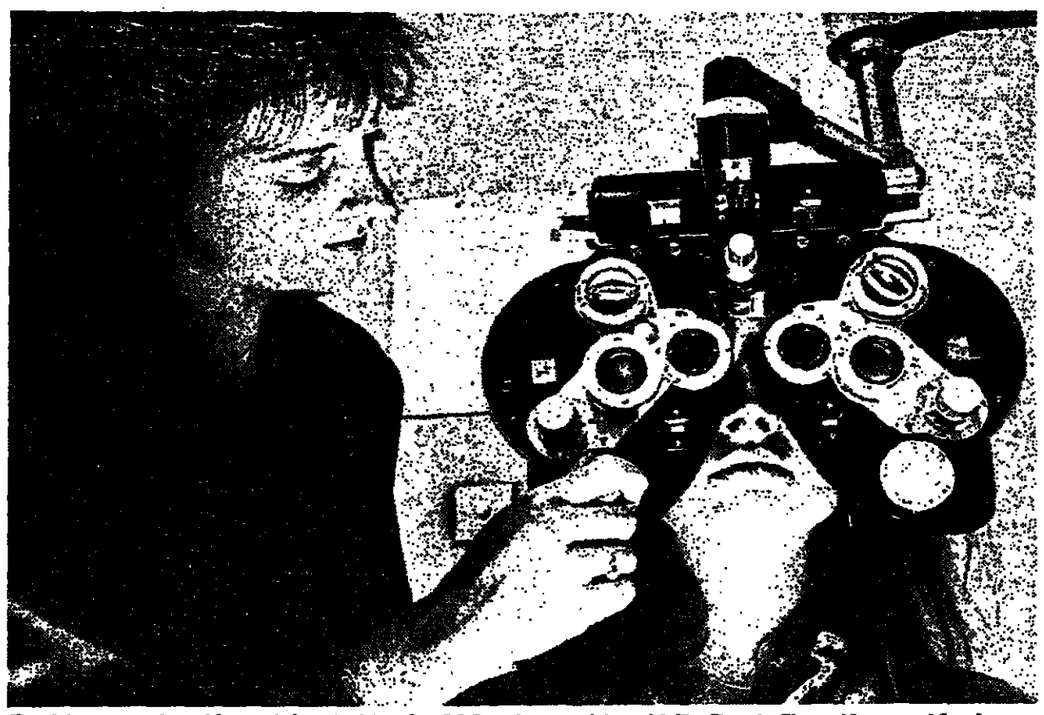
Dentists will also be encouraged to put more emphasis on preventing dental disease, and health authorities will get more funding for fluoridation of water supplies to help reduce tooth decay. A campaign will be launched to promote dental awareness among children and teenagers.

"Much distress and suffering could be avoided if more members of the public took greater responsibility for looking after their own health", the White Paper says.

"Family doctors in progressive practices already contribute significantly to the health education process, and so do many dental practitioners.

"The Government intends positively to encourage family doctors and primary health care teams to increase their contribution to the promotion of good health.

"They are very well placed to persuade individuals of the importance of protecting their health; of the simple steps needed to do so; and of accepting that prevention is indeed better than cure."



Eyesight tests such as this, carried out by Miss Sue McIntosh, an optician with For Eyes in Cheapside, central London, on Miss Irene Perquin, will be subject to a charge of about £3 under government proposals (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Opticians to charge for testing eyesight

Free eyesight tests are to be abolished under the proposals and those with poor sight will have to pay for standard tests as well as any spectacles prescribed.

Under legislation introduced last year everyone needing glasses has to buy them privately except for children, young people in full time education, the registered blind and partially sighted and people on low income who are given vouchers related to the prescription received.

The White Paper says that competition has increased and allowed patients a wider range of "reasonably priced" spectacles.

"The Government has therefore decided to extend the principle of increased competition to sight testing. The additional cost to most patients, who it is estimated have their sight tested every three years, will be small."

The charge is expected to be similar to the £3 proposed for a dental check-up.

More than 12 million people have eye tests from opticians every year at a cost to the health service of £9.30 each. The abolition of free tests is expected to raise about £70 million which the Government intends to spend on other areas of improving primary health care. Ophthalmic treatment costs the health service £180 million a year.

More than 2.5 million people are expected to be exempt from test charges. The Government says increased competition will encourage opticians to aborb most of the cost of these tests.

Proposals also include legislation to give consumers whose sight is tested under the health service or privately the right to receive a prescription or a statement that a prescription is not necessary.

The document also proposes to extend services to those who are housebound and who are entitled to an NHS sight test although an additional fee will be levied.

Scrutiny of dentists is tightened up while free check-ups are abolished

Free dental check-ups are to be abolished, higher charges for treatment imposed and greater emphasis put on the prevention of dental disease.

The White Paper outlines proposals to promote preventive treatment, to make dental treatment more widely available, to give patients more information to choose their dentist, and to improve the quality of dental services.

However, a high proportion of these proposals for a service which costs £960 million will be funded out of income received by charging for the first time for dental check ups and increasing charges for dental treatment.

Everyone except those currently exempt from health service charges will be expected to pay £3 in today's prices for a check up.

The exemptions cover children under 16, all those in full-time education under 19, pregnant women and those with a one-year-old baby, people on supplementary benefit and on low incomes.

The White Paper makes it clear that people who fall outside these groups will pay a higher proportion for dental treatment which at present ranges from up to £17 for routine treatment to a maximum of £115 for all other treatment.

A commitment to improve the quality of services is illustrated by the Government's intention to reward dentists who provide efficient high quality services and show a commitment to the health service, and to offer greater incentives for dentists to update their skills through post-graduate training courses.

A compulsory retirement age will also be introduced.

Mirroring proposals for general practioner services, the White Paper also suggests that the location of practices and the services they offer should be publicized locally and that dentists should be able to provide patients with information about their services.

Dentists will also be encouraged to set up practices in designated areas with financial assistance.

The document emphasizes that there will be greater monitoring of the quality of dental treatment and a crackdown on dentists who perform unnecessary treatment.

Large courses of routine treatment by dentists with "unusual" patterns of treatment will need to be approved, and this will be backed by legislation, outlined in today's Health and Medicines Bill, through the Dental Estimate Boards.

The Government plans to increase funds for water fluoridation schemes and meet the costs of of replacement of outdated plant and equipment, launch a public health education campaign aimed at young people, and ensure that community services place greater emphasis on prevention and health education.

It will also negotiate changes in the dentists' health service contracts to place greater emphasis on prevention, and set up a pilot study where dentists are paid lump sums for maintaining the oral health of children.

The document argues that dental health and attendance patterns of both adults and children have improved markedly in recent years.

Family doctors to be more accountable in shake-up

Radical proposals aimed at improving preventive health care, making family doctors more accountable, and giving consumers freedom to choose their own general practioners are contained in the White Paper.

It outlines a number of recommendations representing the biggest shake up of GP services since 1948.

The Government intends to pay doctors a special fee for initial health check-ups for patients when they first register with the health service. The paper also suggests incentive payments for doctors who reach specified targets for preventive services such as cervical and breast cancer screening, vaccination and immunization programmes.

Regular blood pressure checks will also be encouraged for high risk groups.

In addition doctors would be paid extra for regular checks for the elderly and for specializing in child health.

The Government intends to introduce a special allowance to those who receive appropriate training and those who provide child surveillance services for the under fives.

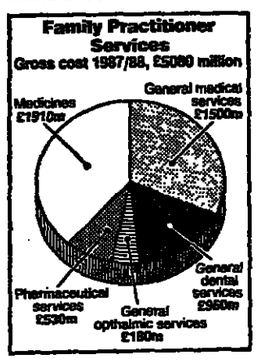
The White Paper outlines tougher contracts for GPs, for the first time specifying the type of services they should provide, emphasizing preventive action.

Legislation will be introduced to compel all GPs to retire at 70 and and to end the practice of 24-hour retirement where doctors retire at 65, draw their pension and then return to work the next day.

For the first time GPs will also be given financial incentives to carry out minor operations in their surgery to ease hospital workloads.

However, the White Paper makes it clear that GP services will have to become more competitive by encouraging the expansion of private GP services.

Hinting at a more extensive future role from the private sector, the document says: "The Government sees no reason why private primary health care services should not



be developed in ways that provide both an alternative source of care and means of comparison with NHS services."

As well as improving services through competition this development would also offer greater choice to patients, it says.

The White Paper also outlines recommendations for GPs to be more responsive to patients by introducing more flexible surgery hours and increased home visits.

Legislation will be introduced to enable patients to change doctors more easily without having to contact family practioner committees, and doctors will be encouraged to provide more information about the services they provide.

Family practitioner committees will have to give details of the name, sex, address, date of qualification, type of qualifications such basic practice information as opening hours, services provided and arrangements for emergencies and night calls.

Although the General Medical Council does not allow individual GPs to advertise, the White Paper suggests that this ban should be lifted provided there are adequate safeguards to prevent exploitation.

The Government also wants consumers to have a greater say in service provision. Family practitioner committees should seek the opinion of the local community health councils which represent patients' interests, it says.

The White Paper suggests that doctors should spend more time in direct contact with their patients before they claim their full practice allowance. The Government claims that some doctors do no more than the minimmum requirement of 20 hours a week.

The paper proposes tightening the qualifying criteria to get the full basic practice allowance, at present £7,850.

It intends to increase the minimum list size which now stands at 1,000 and to increase the minimum hourly requirement.

Payment will also depend on whether the doctor is carrying out health promotion and prevention work.

The paper adds that the Government is committed to the continued development of primary health care teams, and will remove the restrictions on the types and number of staff whom family doctors may employ through the direct reimbursement scheme through which they recover part of the costs.

It will also provide additional resources to extend the scheme under locally-controlled arrangements

The Government proposes to improve practice premises in deprived areas by increasing the financial support to doctors through, for example, improvement grants.

Pharmacists may offer wider range of services

Changes in pharmaceutical services will help to provide patients with a better service and the public with greater value for money, the Government says.

It intends to introduce cash allowances for pharmacies which deal largely with medicines for the elderly, those on long-term medication and patients in residential homes.

Pharmaceutical supervision of the supply and safekeeping of medicines in homes for children, the handicapped and the elderly is of "particular importance" the White Paper says. Accordingly, allowances will be paid to pharmacy contractors who provide such services.

Next year pharmacists can dispense blood glucose testing strips for diabetics. At present the free strips, which enable diabetics to monitor and treat their condition in their own homes, are available only through hospitals.

There will also be money to provide health education and health promotion material for display in pharmacies.

Inner cities are singled out

The quality of health care in inner cities and other deprived areas "needs to be raised significantly", according to the White Paper.

Among the Government's proposals are incentives to attract more young doctors and women doctors into the cities, the improvement of GPs' surgeries, and a fund to encourage a better pharmacy service.

"There is general agreement that the quality of primary health care services in many inner city areas is poorer than elsewhere. Some of the problems faced apply equally to large housing estates on the outskirts, or some isolated rural areas."

Although the White Paper does not say so, it acknowledges that people living in such areas are more likely to be unemployed, have lower incomes, or come from ethnic minorities, and to be in generally poorer health.

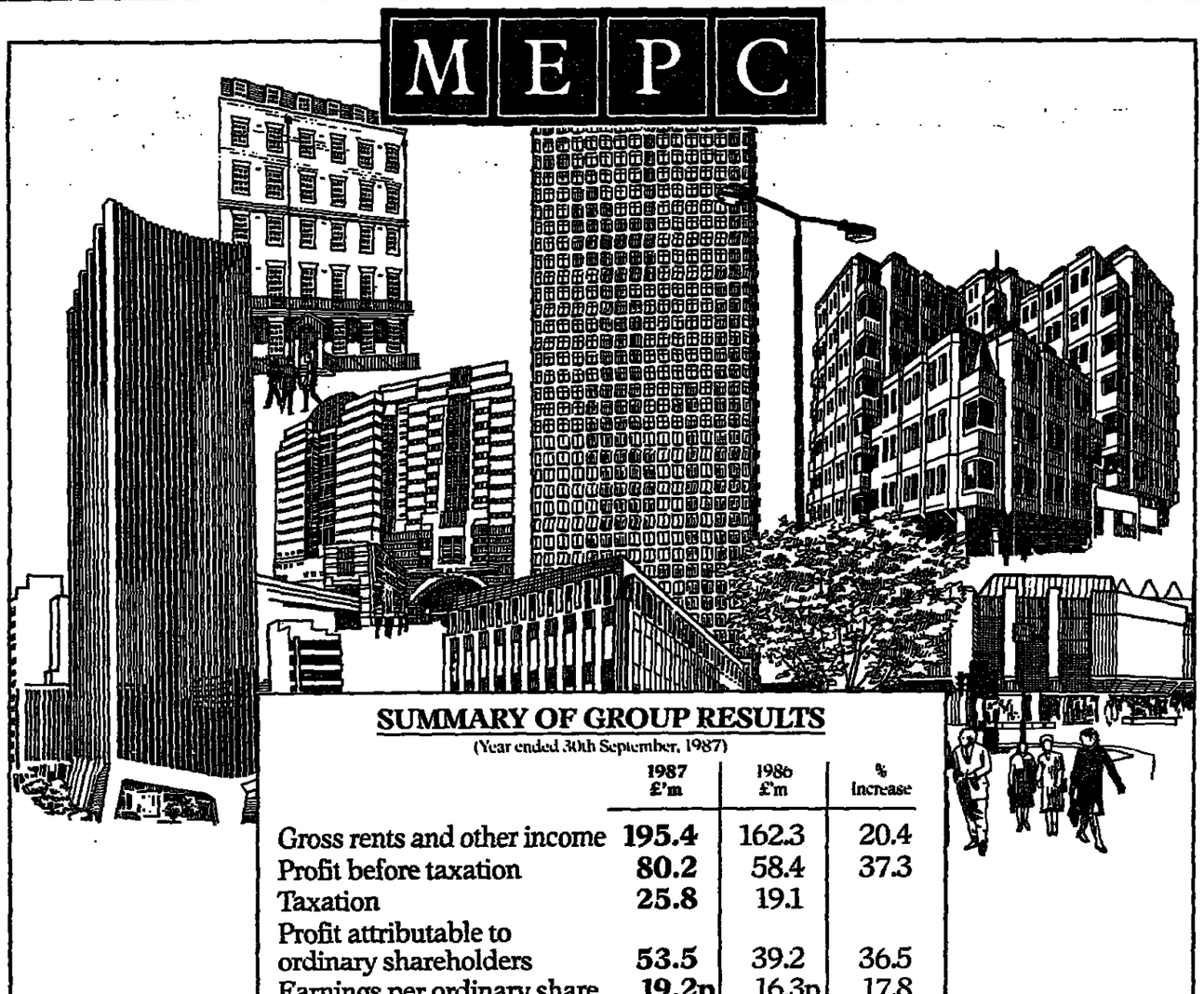
They are less likely to see a doctor or dentist regularly, and often find that their GP is elderly, overworked and practising from a dilapidated surgery.

Women from ethnic minorities often are reluctant to seek medical advice because they prefer not to be seen by a male doctor. Pharmacies tend to be small, inadequate and badly located.

The Government hopes that compulsory retirement of GPs at 70 will create openings for young vocationally trained family doctors, who are often keen to form group practices and to work closely with other members of primary health care teams.

A "neighbourhood nursing" scheme, in which community nurses indentify gaps or overlaps in the provision of services, is to be developed.

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Consultations have shown wide support for the proposals, says Newton

Furious protests greet health White Paper

Strong Opposition protests, including shouts of "Scandalous" and "Shameful" marked the announcement by **Mr Tony Newton**, Minister for Health, that patients will be asked to contribute more of the cost of dental treatment and to pay for sight tests, so as to raise £170 million for development of the health service.

Mr Newton was making a statement on the White Paper on primary health care, *Promoting Better Health*.

He said that consultations leading up to the White Paper and accompanying Bill had shown a wide measure of support for the proposals, in particular for placing the promotion of better health at the centre of the stage.

There were Conservative cheers when he said that, in order to achieve aims directed at securing better health, the Government would make general practitioners' contracts more sensitive to performance, and would look to family practitioner committees to monitor more vigorously their contracts with family doctors.

He expected the White Paper proposals to bring particular benefits to inner cities and other deprived areas.

It was reasonable to secure some additional resources for development by asking those who could afford it to pay for

Simpler charge system will benefit the regular attenders

sight tests and to meet somewhat more of the overall cost of dental care, through a system of proportional charges, extending also to examination costs, for which at present no charge was made.

"The proportional charge system will be simpler and will relate patient charges more directly to the costs of the particular treatment. It will benefit regular attenders who look after their teeth some of whom will have no increase or may even pay a little less" (Labour shouts of "Rubbish").

The present exemptions from dental charges would continue for children, adults on low income, expectant and nursing mothers and some other groups. NHS sight tests would remain free for children, those on low income, the blind and partially sighted and other specified categories.

Existing plans provided for additional expenditure by 1990-91 of about £570 million in real terms. That would be further increased by the substantial extra resources that the Government would make available to finance the improvements announced today.

"Our proposals will enable people to make more informed choices of practitioner, will give them access to higher quality services and, above all, will place the greatest emphasis on preventing illness and promoting positive good health. I believe it is a strategy which will be widely welcomed and supported."

Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health and social services, asked why he had rejected the unanimous recommendation of the Commons Social Services Committee that he should look again at the family practitioner committees which "ran" the GPs.

If he was serious about expecting the FPCs to monitor "more vigorously" the quality of primary care, why had he cut their administrative budgets, and told them to expect more significant cuts next year.

"How does he expect us to believe that this small and shrinking band of administrators to make a reality of more vigorous monitoring?"

Pressures were increased by closing accident and emergency units at hospitals, 15 in London alone.

The proposals would draw GPs to areas such as Braintree (Mr Newton's constituency) where it would be easier for doctors to hit targets, but the minister would not help the chronic problem of crumbling surgeries by privatizing the General Practitioners' Finance Corporation.

"Why, given the deep public concern, is there no mention of the appalling quality of deputizing services?"

The average consulting time for a patient was six minutes, which was shorter than anywhere else in Europe. Why, then, increase the capitation element to encourage GPs to compete for even longer patient lists? They should be encouraged to have shorter lists.

"We unreservedly condemn his proposal to charge for dental and eyesight tests." There had been no reference in the consultative paper to eyesight tests, so there had been no comment on the proposal."

One in 20 people having eyesight tests were referred on for medical examination for conditions such as glaucoma which could be arrested if caught early enough.

To the extent that the proposals would oblige GPs to give priority, not to the most needed services, but to the most profitable, the Opposition rejected them.

"We shall fight to keep the health service publicly funded, publicly run and free to the patient at the time of need" (Labour cheers).

Mr Newton said that he had made clear that some people would pay less under the new

Our plans will give people access to higher quality services

charging arrangements for dental treatment. The arrangements were a sensible move to generate additional resources which could be devoted to the purposes Mr Cook had outlined. They would have more for inner cities.

"We have to face, as he would have to face in the remote likelihood of his taking office, finding resources to achieve desirable objectives.

"With a given number of doctors and patients, it is impossible for lists to become longer on average, and higher capitation fees will give doctors an incentive to provide good treatment, so that they will attract patients against the background of wider choice."

Dame Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) said that eye testing was a screening procedure and that serious illnesses such as glaucoma and cancer could be detected at an early stage by these tests. If people had to pay £10 for a sight test by an optician they might go to hospital where the test could be done without charge, but the hospital eye service was under great strain, and to put further strain on it would not make sense.

Mr Newton believed that her fears would prove unfounded.

Mr Ronald Fearn, Liberal spokesman on health and social services: We do not welcome this statement, which is probably one of the most deterrent things we have heard.

He said that the way to get prevention was not by charging for tests and for teeth inspections.

He was also worried whether pressures from drug companies would be reflected in the advice which pharmacists gave to patients.

Mr Newton saw no reason to suppose that Mr Fearn's fear over pharmacists had anything to do with these proposals. The Government had been pressed by pharmacists to help them to extend their role in advising people on health matters, not least health education. It would be a sensible use of resources to try to encourage them in this.

Mr Barry Jones (Alyn and Deeside, Lab) said that charges for eye tests and dental examinations were a colossal mistake and flew in the face of the Government's policy on health education.

Mr Newton disagreed. He said that the proposed charges would contribute to the capacity to devote substantial additional resources to the promotion of good health.

He said later that in relation to pharmacists and optical services, the Government was examining ways to pay practitioners to make domiciliary visits to the housebound. That was a gap in the present facilities.

The development of neighbourhood nursing services was something that needed to be examined objectively.

The Government also proposed to reimburse general practitioners for training practice nurses.

Mrs Margaret Ewing (Moray, SNP) said that neither her party nor Plaid Cymru liked the underpinning philosophy here because low-income groups were often the most vulnerable in health matters and would be less likely to go for testing if they had to pay.

Mr Newton said that all existing exemptions from charges would continue to apply under the system he had proposed. "I do not think lower income groups will be affected."

Mrs Virginia Bottomley (South West Surrey, C) said that there would be a wide welcome for the recognition being given to district nurses, physiotherapists and chiropodists.

Mr Samuel Galbraith (Strathkelvin and Bearsden, Lab) said that he welcomed certain parts of the White Paper, especially retirement at 70, but the minister was going the wrong way on the capitation fee. This would lead to bigger practices when GPs were asking for smaller practices.

Mr Newton said that the capitation fee estimate needed to be looked at alongside the introduction of specific incentives, as he had outlined.

Dr Alan Glyn (Windsor and Maidenhead, C) spoke of the increasing strain on GPs.

Mr Newton said that he was not seeking to increase the strain on GPs generally but to increase the rewards of those who were taking the strain and to encourage those who were not taking the strain to do so.

Mr Norman Hogg (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth, Lab) wanted the Secretary of State for Scotland (Mr Malcolm Rifkind) to make a detailed statement on the implications of the White Paper for the NHS in Scotland.

Mr Newton said that he was sure that Mr Rifkind would want, in an appropriate way, to make available any further information necessary about the implications for Scotland.

Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiverton, C) said that these measures would discourage many people on low incomes from having their eyes and their teeth tested, and he wondered why the minister thought that would be beneficial to health.

Mr Newton said that he thought those fears would be unfounded. It would be open to opticians to offer free sight tests and they might well wish to do so in connection with their general business of selling spectacles, although they could not tie the customers to buying their spectacles. There would be

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advantages through competition.

Mr Paul Flynn (Newport West, Lab) said that a constituent of his had lost her sight because glaucoma had not been detected. The International Glaucoma Association said that there were already 150,000 people in Britain suffering from glaucoma without its being detected.

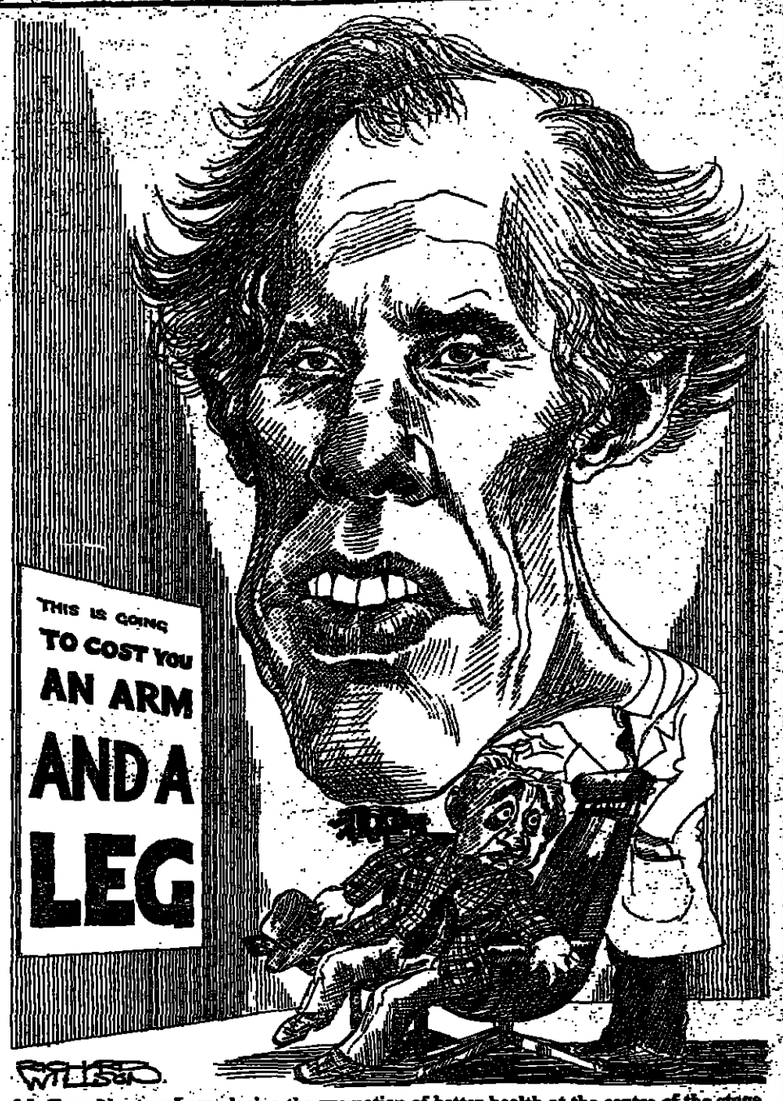
The decision to withdraw free eye tests would be seen as crass, wasteful and cruel stupidity.

Mr Newton said that he noted Mr Flynn's views, but he did not agree with them.

Mr John Redwood (Wokingham, C) said that they must ensure the new proposals did not encourage unnecessary visits or referrals. The accent must be on a better deal for the patient and more choice.

Mr Andrew Stewart (Sherwood, C) said that the statement might open up a rift between himself and his daughter, who was a dental surgeon, unless he could tell her that the increased charges could be passed on to dental care in general.

Mr Newton said that there were a number of proposals for improving standards of dental care. But he could not give an undertaking that the money raised in one particular quarter would be spent only in that quarter and it would be absurd for him to do so.



Mr Tony Newton: I am placing the promotion of better health at the centre of the stage.

More talks on space project

RESEARCH

The future of the unmanned Hotol space plane project, which is threatened by lack of funding, had been further discussed with British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Trade and Industry, said during Commons questions.

The Government had asked for other interested companies to see what was involved in the step. It was a formidable project that would have to be carefully considered before being taken with other industrial and international partners.

Earlier, Mr Kenneth Warren (Manchester, Blackley, Lab) complained that there would be a 40 per cent reduction from the next year in space industry contracts after the Government's decision not to participate in some European Space Agency projects.

That was why the former director-general of the British National Space Centre (Mr Roy Gibson) had resigned.

Mr Clarke said that Mr Gibson had been criticizing the way in which the ESA programme had been going towards grandiose manned space projects. So it could not have come as a surprise to Mr Gibson when the Government decided not to join in such projects.

Mr Malcolm Bruce, Liberal spokesman on trade and industry, spoke of genuine concern among many companies that Government decisions on space earlier this month would cut them off from valuable future orders.

In the three-month period in which the decisions could be reviewed, the Government should listen to representations that Britain should be in the programme arguing, rather than outside it hurling abuse.

Mr Clarke said that the Government would not put money into a project just for it to be handed on to companies.

The investment had to produce a long-term advantage to the economy as a whole, not just those companies directly concerned in a project.

It was up to the companies, when their executives and staff met the Government, to make a case that there was some valid national interest.

He added later that the United Kingdom was spending more than £100 million a year on its space programme. It had declined to spend £200 million to put a European — "probably a Frenchman" (laughter) — into space because that project did not have adequate advantages

Bishop's seat

The Bishop of Chester, the Right Rev Michael Baughen, was introduced in the House of Lords.

Possible Murdoch bid is queried

If Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News International, sought to acquire a controlling interest in the *Financial Times*, the special newspaper provisions of the Fair Trading Act would come into operation, MPs were told at question time.

The issue was raised by **Mr Malcolm Bruce**, Liberal spokesman on trade and industry, who asked what representations the Government had received after the acquisition of a 14.7 per cent stake in the Pearson Group by News International.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Trade and Industry, replied that eight letters had been received by his department, including one from Mr Bruce.

Major newspaper mergers were regulated by the special provisions of the Fair Trading Act, 1973, he said.

Mr Bruce said that there was real anxiety among those working at the *Financial Times* about the acquisition. "Does Mr Clarke accept that the increasing concentration of ownership of the British national press has reached a level which cannot be in the best interests of the freedom of the press?

Mr Clarke: This matter would only come to a head if any attempt were made to acquire a controlling interest in the newspaper. This would involve ownership and control of about 25 per cent of the votes cast at a general meeting of the company. If that were to happen, the special newspaper provisions of the Fair Trading Act would come into play.

Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South, C): Will Mr Clarke accept that there is an important public-interest dimension to this situation which demands a firm assurance from the Government?

Mr Clarke: I am being reasonably forthcoming on a hypothetical question. The Fair Trading Act covers that situation.

US trade measures upset MPs

Fears about the effects of possible protectionist trade measures being passed by the United States Congress were voiced by MPs on both sides during Commons questions, with the Government being urged to "get stuck in as far as the Yanks are concerned".

Mr Gary Waller (Keighley, C) said that, if enacted, the American Trade Bill would have the effect of heightening trade tension and would undermine the whole progress of the GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) negotiations.

If that were to happen the Government should not hesitate to act with firmness to ensure that diversion of trade could not harm British industry.

Mr Alan Clark, Minister for Trade, agreed and said that this would be acutely damaging.

Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield, Lab) urged ministers to speak up on the issue.

Mr Clark: We are lobbying very strongly in Washington to ensure that it will not happen.

British-made cars improve sales

British-made cars took 49 per cent of the UK car market in the first eight months of this year, **Mr Robert Atkins**, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during questions in the Commons.

The corresponding figures for the previous three years were 43 per cent, 41 per cent and 43 per cent, respectively, he added.

Mr David Curry (Skipton and Ripon, C) asked for confirmation that the Rover Group had shared fully in that progress and he urged the minister to privatize the company as soon as possible.

Mr Atkins said that he was encouraged by the fact that Austin Rover sales at home and abroad for the first half of the year had increased by almost 3 per cent over the same period in 1986. It had also had a 15 per cent increase in export sales.

Mr Douglas Hoyle (Warrington North, Lab) said that in 1979 foreign imports only took 38 per cent but this year the figure was 50 per cent. In September, UK car sales were down by 15 per cent. How could this be described as a success story?

Mr Atkins said that the penetration of foreign vehicles had declined over recent months and that was an indication of the impressive performance by the British car industry.

Mr Robert Cryer (Bradford South, Lab) said that British Leyland had been rescued from its private enterprise fate worse than death by billions of pounds worth of taxpayers' money. The British people would find it extremely offensive if, after having rescued the company, it was slimmed down again and sold off.

Mr Atkins said that there had been a great improvement in the performance of the Rover Group, particularly as a result of the vast sums of public money put in under this Government. People would not necessarily agree with Mr Cryer that the company should not be returned to the private sector as soon as was practicable.

Electricity privatization

Ezra calls for consultation

HOUSE OF LORDS

There were so many dangers inherent in the privatization of the electricity industry that the Government ought not to proceed until all the options had been put in a consultation document and there had been a national debate, Lord Ezra (L) said in opening a debate in the House of Lords on privatization.

The present electricity system, he said, was integrated so that grid, generation and distribution were totally united into one of the most technically efficient systems in the world. But the Government wanted to introduce competition on privatization.

That raised many issues. In an article in the *Financial Times* that morning, Mr John Baker, corporate managing director of the CEGB, had said that if the Government went ahead "the lights might go out".

The problem was how could competition be introduced without jeopardizing the security of supply?

The issues were so many and so complex and had led to such differing views, inside and outside the industry, that the Government ought to give itself time to rethink the whole proposal before proceeding further.

Lord Mason of Barnsley (Lab), in a maiden speech, said that the Government's devotion to privatization had developed into a fetish or mania which was not good for the people or nation.

It pandered to the worst instinct of mankind — greed.

Now there was the proposed sale of the electricity industry with the rigging of the market by massive price increases to attract the privateers, and the encouragement to import coal under the guise of competition.

He feared that it could be the forerunner to privatization of the coal industry which would mean a return to the days of cut-throat competition when district had been set against district, pit against pit and man against man.

Lord Marsh (Ind) said that the pavlovian opposition to privatization in principle was confined to the Opposition Front Bench and some of the older members of the Alleged Communist Party.

But it was dangerous to believe that there was no case where some form of competition could be harmful to the interests of the consumer.

In the case of the electricity industry the proposal was to fragment the board into as many as 10 different undertakings while the trend elsewhere was to create an integrated system because of the complexities of the industry.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Question Treasury; Prime Minister. Debate on Opposition motion on financial pressures on the NHS hospitals. Motion on maintenance assistance to Oppositions in the Lords (3): Civil Defence (Scotland) Bill; committee. Merchant Shipping Bill; third reading, one day.

Care of mentally handicapped

Community aid 'loses out'

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

A "two-tier" system is developing for the mentally handicapped, under which patients discharged from hospital get better services than those who have always lived in the community, the Audit Commission says today.

In a critical report on service provision for the 160,000 people with mental handicaps, the commission says that the £480 million spent on health services for this group will trickle away to prop up other NHS services as institutions for the mentally handicapped close.

At the same time local authorities with increased numbers of clients will not have enough resources to care for them, it says.

The Government should urgently consider assigning total responsibility for the mentally handicapped to local authorities and transferring resources from the National Health Service.

The report says that those who have been discharged from hospital often have a "dowry" attached to them which is paid by the health authority to the receiving local authority.

However, with the growing emphasis on community care many people, particularly children, are not going into hospital and do not pick up those payments.

"Parents are seeing high quality services and facilities provided for people coming out of hospitals, financed by health authorities, while their own sons and daughters get very little in comparison, simply because they opted from the start to look after their children at home."

The author of the report, the commission's project officer, Mr David Browning, said yesterday that some health authorities were deliberately closing hospitals for mentally handicapped people to balance their books.

He cited a recent report from the National Audit Office which showed that £14 million a year was being siphoned from the mental handicap budget to prop up other NHS services.

In those authorities the money was channelled back into other specialties as institutions closed.

"In a 1,000-bed hospital which is being run down, for example, 500 patients may have already died and the other 500 moved into the community.

"Even if dowry payments go with those discharged, half the money previously spent on this service disappears."

The Audit Commission argues that although £1 billion is being spent on services for this group out of local authority, health authority and social security budgets the money is not being effectively spent, too much going into traditional hospital care.

Mr Browning gave a warning that a new type of institutional care was developing with the rise in private homes for the mentally handicapped largely financed through social security benefits.

Mr Howard Davis, head of the Audit Commission, said: "Although attitudes are changing towards the needs of those with mental handicaps this is often not being put into practice by health and local authorities".

The idea that those people could lead more independent lives was thwarted by inadequate support services such as domiciliary care and day centres.

The commission urges local authorities to set up integrated teams to look after these clients and calls for more effective management, greater vision and a better mix of services encompassing a whole range of residential, day and support services.

It also calls on the Government to provide bridging finance to allow authorities to build up services before institutions close and to iron out present anomolies in pension payments which deter staff employed by health authorities from from moving into local authority employment.

Community Care: developing services for people with a mental handicap (Stationery Office; £1.70).

Churches' ferry role criticized

Churches and local councils were criticized yesterday for their work after the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster.

Mr Scot Roberts, a member of the co-ordination team based in Townsend Thoresen's Dover offices after the ferry sinking, told the Disaster Relief Information conference at Bradford University that churches provided the greatest source of irritation. They organized and conducted memorial services too early, with little regard for the emotional problems.

When the services were announced relatives and friends wanted immediate free transport to them, putting "unacceptable pressure on those handling the telephones".

Mr Len Rowland, legal adviser to the Penlee Lifeboat Disaster Fund, said local authorities were seen as unable to react quickly.

The two-day conference, attended by more than 70 senior representatives from rescue and aid organizations, was called to formulate policy for dealing with future emergencies.

Teaching grants to help dyslexics

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

A small charity founded by two young mothers is breaking new ground for the estimated 300,000 children with dyslexia.

The charity, Defining Dyslexia, is offering to pay local education authorities to give teachers specialized training. It leads to a recognized qualification in teaching the dyslexic to read and write.

So far 20 authorities are considering the £6,000 offer, which covers the cost of a one-year, part-time course for up to 20 teachers and the cost of supply staff during the training.

More authorities are expected to follow and Defining Dyslexia is hoping for government funding to match the £500,000 it is raising privately for the scheme.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, has taken a personal interest in the charity and is to press for government funds to develop a permanent network of teacher training for dyslexia. Support has also come from Mr Robert Dunn, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Mrs Lynn Catcher, Vice Defining Dyslexia chairman and the mother of a dyslexic child, said yesterday: "Central Government allocates funds to local education authorities for special needs. But the local authorities themselves do not generally see specific learning difficulty (the official description of dyslexia) as a priority.

Mrs Milich is a qualified speech therapist and founded the charity with Mrs Evelyn Sheldon who also lives in Ruislip, north-west London, and has a dyslexic child.

Mr Michael Burnham, Oxfordshire's senior adviser for special needs education, says the Defining Dyslexia plan is "a major step in the right direction" as it will help to "bring credibility and a nationally recognized qualification".

The desperate shortage of teachers qualified to help dyslexics in the state sector was highlighted by several charities who designated last October as Dyslexia Month.

High-tech press winners

A monthly publication for users of personal computers, *PC Magazine*, has been named journal of the year in the UK Technology Press Awards.

The seven awards, sponsored jointly by *The Times* and the electronics firm, Hewlett-Packard, were announced last night at a dinner at Claridge's hotel.

The news journalist award went to Susan Watts a reporter on *Computer Weekly* magazine.

Barry Fox, a freelance, won the features journalist award.

The BBC's *Horizon* series won the radio and television category with a programme called "In the Light of New Ideas".

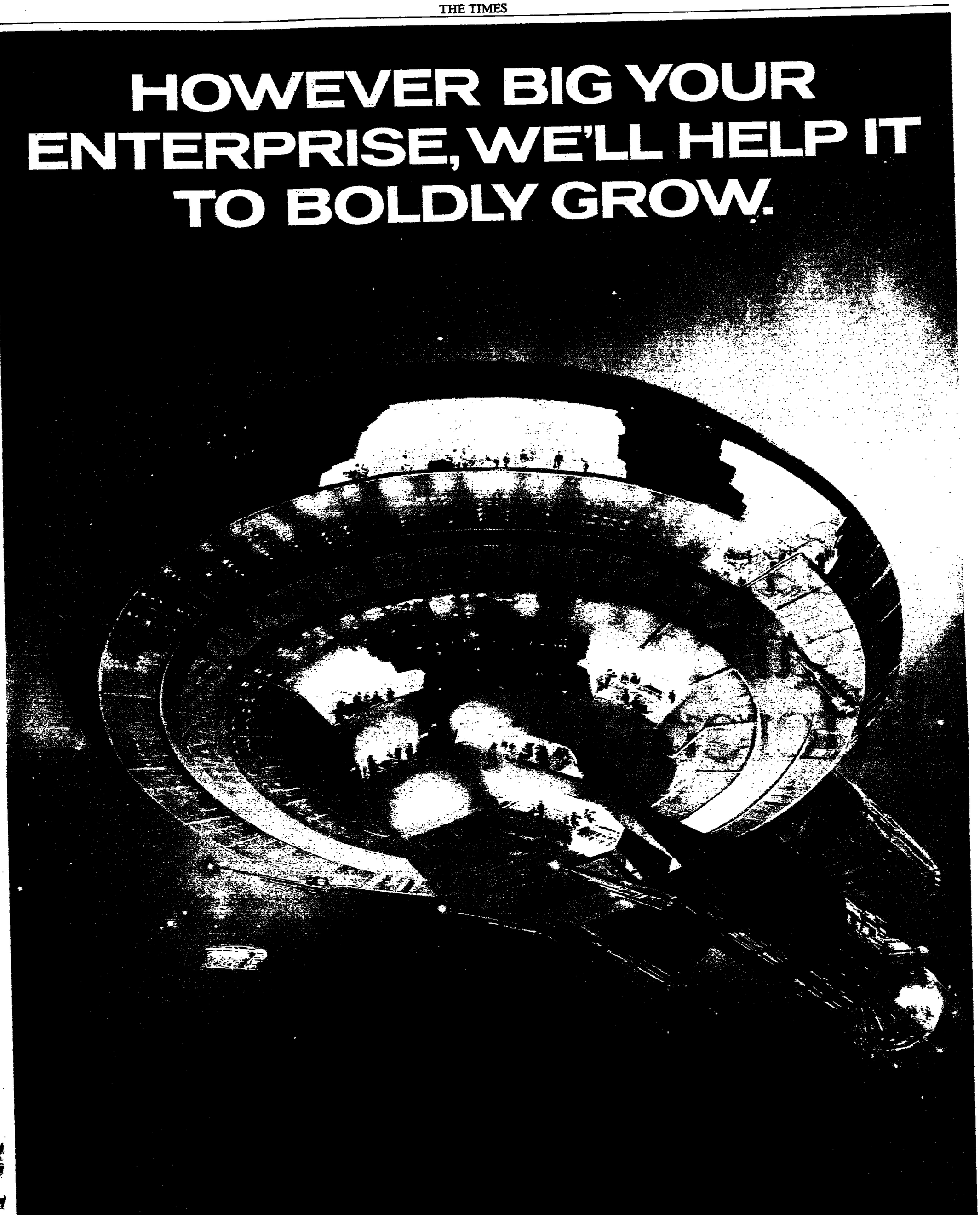
The prize-giving was introduced by the editor of *The Times*, Mr Charles Wilson, and the managing director of Hewlett-Packard, Mr David Baldwin. Prizes included a desktop publishing system and portable computers.

It is the fourth year of the awards which were introduced to encourage good standards in technology journalism.

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Doctors defend test for diagnosis of child sexual abuse

By Peter Davenport

The two doctors whose pioneering method of detecting child sexual abuse has become one of the central issues at the inquiry into the Cleveland abuse controversy, yesterday defended their technique.

Dr Jane Wynne and Dr Christopher Hobbs, two Leeds community consultant paediatricians, said that more than one in 10 of all children faced the threat of abuse.

And Dr Hobbs said some abused children would catch Aids in the future. There were already cases emerging in Australia and the United States.

The two doctors also told the inquiry of the case of a girl aged 14 who was murdered by her stepfather after she began to tell of his sexual abuse.

Dr Hobbs and Dr Wynne have produced medical papers on the use of reflex anal dilatation in the diagnosis of sexual abuse in children. The two Middlesbrough consultant paediatricians, Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, have been accused of relying too heavily on the technique.

During her cross-examination, Dr Higgs was alleged to have displayed a "slavish adherence" to the method which she adopted after attending a lecture by Dr Wynne.

Yesterday the inquiry moved from the town hall in Middlesbrough, where it has been sitting since August, to the main lecture theatre at Teesside Polytechnic for an audio-visual presentation by Dr Wynne and Dr Hobbs, together with a social worker and psychologist who make up the Leeds team which has pioneered the clinical investigation of abuse.

Five Cleveland children, three of whom were diagnosed by Dr Marietta Higgs as having been sexually abused, were back home with their mother yesterday after Middlesbrough Juvenile Court was told that one child was in danger of a mental breakdown by being parted from her mother for six months.

The father of the four sisters and brother, aged nine to 15, was jailed for indecently assaulting the oldest girl but he denied molesting the other two and the charges were not pursued.

Slides were shown of abused children and members of the inquiry were told they may find them distressing and may wish to look away.

Dr Wynne said that they had been horrified at the extent of anal abuse of children. She said that there was never going to be a "fingerprint approach" to the physical signs of sexual abuse and that physical examination was just a small piece of a much larger picture that was required to form a diagnosis.

The two doctors said that although it had recently received much media attention, the reflex anal dilatation technique was not a new sign and had been described by a police surgeon 25 years ago. They had first noticed it in the case of sexually abused children in 1985.

Dr Hobbs said that they had seen a rapid increase in the number of cases discovered in Leeds: in 1984 there were 50, in 1985 160 and last year more than 400.

Dr Hobbs said since the summer the rate of cases had dropped from about 40 a month to 27 a month. This could be because abusers were frightened by publicity.

The inquiry continues today.

Jail siege victim threatens to sue

By Andrew Morgan

A prison officer is threatening to sue the Home Office after being taken hostage in an under-manned prison.

Mr Richard Pike, aged 34, resigned from the prison service and spent months in hospital receiving psychiatric treatment after his ordeal at Wandsworth prison, London.

Yesterday, after the man who held him hostage appeared in court, Mr Pike blamed government cuts for leaving him a nervous wreck.

He was on duty alone when a convicted bank robber took him hostage, threatened to cut his throat, and tied him to a cell bed.

"It would never happened if it had not been for the cost cutting measures the Home Office inuroduced in prisons", Mr Pike said yesterday.

"There are just not enough officers to look after the dangerous criminals put in our charge. Sooner or later, somebody will be killed."

Mr Pike's wife, Lynn, said: "My husband should never have been alone in that corridor and I am considering suing the Home Office".

The man who took Mr Pike hostage, Martin Foran, aged 43, of King's Heath, Birmingham, was sentenced to six years' jail at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.



Mrs Joanna Foster, who describes herself as "a working mother with two teenage children", has been appointed to the £37,760 a year post of chairwoman of the Equal Opportunities Commission. She will take over from Lady Platt of Writtle when she retires in May next year. Mrs Foster, who is 48, has been in charge of the Pepperell Unit – the Industrial Society's equal opportunites division – since last year. Between 1968 and 1972 she was at the Industrial Society in a role mainly concerned with the training of young people. Before rejoining in 1986, she spent seven years in France, where her work included editing two newspapers for Insead, the international business school. She also took part for three years in management and relocation counselling courses for the University of Pittsburgh.

Massacre revealed police failings

Outdated and inadequate equipment, combined with limited manpower, hampered the operation to corner Michael Ryan, the Hungerford killer, police said yesterday.

Mr Colin Smith, chief constable of Thames Valley, said: "The limitations imposed on the force by the lack of manpower and equipment could certainly have become a relevant factor had Ryan not been traced and contained rapidly."

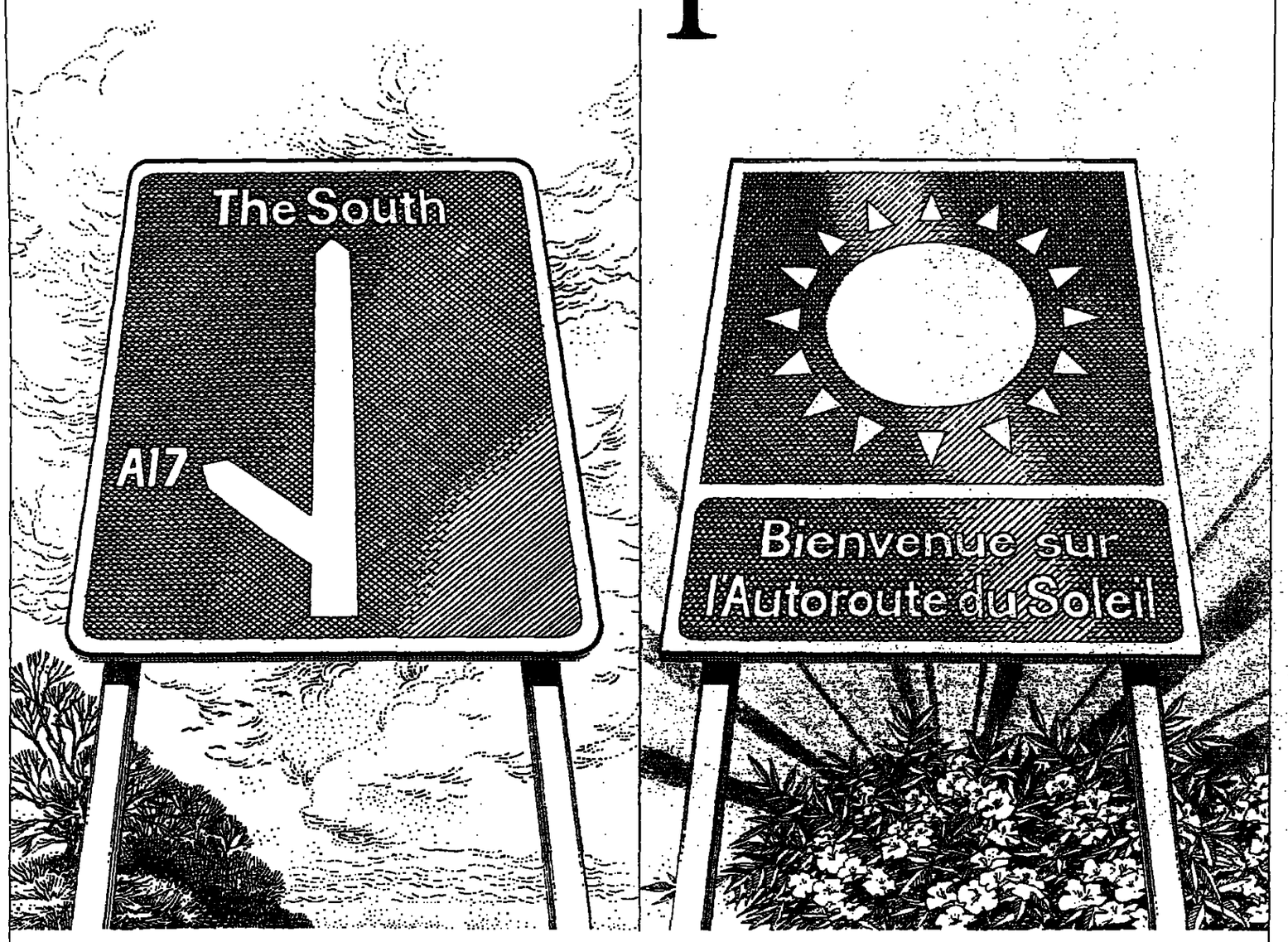
Ryan killed 16 people on August 19 when he fired at least 133 shots: 84 from a Kalashnikov semi-automatic rifle, 47 from a pistol and two from a carbine rifle. He shot himself in the head after being cornered in a classroom of a local school.

In his report on the massacre, Mr Smith said: "The Hungerford incident is quite unprecedented in the British experience".

He added: "However, no force, even with the most up-to-date equipment, would have been able to handle the vast flood of varied and sometimes contradictory information coming in during the early stages".

● Mrs Mary Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers and Listeners Association, is urging the Government to ban the sale of toy guns that ape actual weapons.

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Education tips in soap opera urged

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

New concepts in education should be incorporated into the storylines of popular soap operas such as *EastEnders* or *Brookside*, the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations says.

It is seeking better communication between home and school and a greater effort to explain the changing face of education to parents.

The confederation and the Manpower Services Commisssion have completed a study of parents' attitudes to the technical and vocational education initiative, TVEI, part of the curriculum for 80,000 young people aged 14-18.

The initiative emphasizes job-related, practical projects devised and carried out by the children. It was set up as a pilot scheme in 1982, now involves 80,000 pupils and is funded by the Manpower Services Commission.

The study found that most parents had a hazy idea of what their children were doing, or what the initiative was and were baffled by the acronyms and "new subjects" mentioned by their children.

About 80 per cent of the parents learnt of the initiative in leaflets sent to their homes. But they were often not read.

Mrs Sandra Perry, chairman of the confederation's TVEI project, said: "People generally seem to take things on board much better if they see them in a soap opera".

Doctor denies affair

A doctor yesterday denied he had an affair with a woman patient to whom he accidentally gave a fatal injection.

Earlier Dr Arthur Anderson, aged 52, said Mrs Ruth Dock, aged 43, tried to seduce him in 1982, but he left her home and recommended she be seen by a woman partner although he continued to counsel her.

Dr Anderson, of Ruckers Lane, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, who is facing a disciplinary hearing of the General Medical Council, denies two charges of serious professional misconduct alleging adultery and recklessly prescribing drugs.

After Mrs Dock's death, her husband, Rodney, a printer, confronted the doctor, claiming they had an affair and that the doctor showered her with gifts, including underwear.

The doctor was also accused of staying in hotels with Mr Dock's wife.

He denied those allegations and that he spent a week in bed because of Mrs Dock's death. He said it was because he had gastro-enteritis.

The hearing continues.

NCO sent to jail for bullying

A corporal was jailed for six months, reduced to the ranks and dismissed the service yesterday for ill-treating recruits.

Paul Williams, aged 24, serving with No.1 Training Regiment of the Royal Engineers, pleaded guilty at a court martial in Aldershot to four charges of ill-treatment and one of assault.

The court was told that he punched recruits who made mistakes during training exercises at his barracks in Hawley, Hampshire. One recruit aged 17 went to hospital complaining of ringing in his ears after Williams, from Crickhowell, Powys, Wales, punched him on the head. Another was hit with the butt of a gun and a third was shut in a locker. An Army spokesman said after the court martial: "This reaffirms our line that bullying will not be tolerated, and where it is brought to our attention it is dealt with strongly and appropriately".

The sentence is subject to confirmation, and Mr Ian Pearson, representing Williams, said he would appeal against its severity.

Export embargo on £7m Poussin

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

The Government has announced an export halt of six months on Poussin's great painting "The Finding of Moses" amid speculation that it will be sought by both the National Gallery and the Getty Museum in California.

The painting has been in Britain – mainly at Powis Castle, Powys – since it was acquired by Clive of India in 1772.

Two years ago, the trustees of the Clive estate decided to sell it, and almost the entire art world wanted to be its agents or vendors.

Agnews was the first agent to be selected and offered it at £10 million, to no avail.

It was then taken on by Artemis Fine Art, who succeeded in selling it to the Getty Museum for £7.2 million, making it the second most expensive Old Master. The record stands at £8.1 million, paid for a Mantegna on behalf of the Getty Museum in 1985.

The Poussin satisfies all the points in the Waverley Criteria, used by the export committee when it assesses export stops. It is closely connected with British history, is of outstanding aesthetic importance, and of outstanding art-historical importance.

Because the last Lord Clive was killed in the Second World War, there is no living owner to offset inheritance tax against the purchase price. A national collection would have to pay the entire £7.2 million to save the painting.

The National Gallery already owns 10 works by Nicolas Poussin, (1594-1665) although "none from that heroic figure type". A gallery spokesman said yesterday that, because the painting was very beautiful and would fill a gap in its collection, "it is very likely that the gallery would be interested".

It is understood the National Museum of Wales would like the picture, although it is difficult to imagine where the money might come from.

Unless the National Gallery uses the funds from its benefactor, John Paul Getty Junior, it seems likely that the Moses will be exported.

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Britain's industries fail to match rivals' investment

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Efforts to get industry to plough back more of its money into research and development are showing signs of success, according to Mr John Fairclough, the Government's chief scientific adviser.

His comment came yesterday with the publication of the latest survey of *Government Funded Research and Development*, prepared by the Cabinet Office, which commends the chemical, pharmaceutical and motor vehicle industries for increasing research, development and competitiveness, largely through their own investments.

The report expresses concern about trends in electronics and mechanical engineering, and shows the continuing dominance of the Ministry of Defence in government spending on research and development.

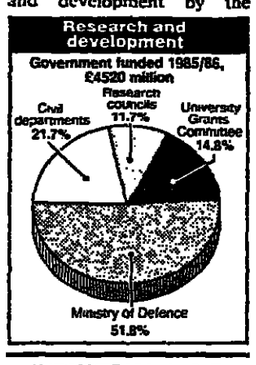
The ministry absorbed £2,340 million last year, more than half the government spending on civil and military work. Although there are plans to reduce the defence share over the next three years, the report forecasts that it will still be more than £2,400 million by 1990.

On the commercial front, Mr Fairclough says it is encouraging that industry has increased its spending over four years by 13 per cent, to more than £3,800 million a year, but this is still too low.

The proportion of their own money invested by British companies is still lower than that by their main international competitors. British firms pay for about two-thirds of their research and development work, compared with 98 per cent in Japan, 82 per cent in Germany and 71 per cent in France.

The West German government provides £1,000 million a year more than Britain, yet spends only a quarter as much as this country on defence research and development. Twice as much goes on work to advance industrial production and technology, and three times as much on energy and basic science in universities. Both French and Italian governments spend more on industrial technology than Britain.

The review contains information about trends in spending to the end of 1985, provisional figures for 1986, planned spending to the end of 1990, and the results of a survey of industrial research and development by the Department of Trade and Industry.



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Total Spending (£m)	1981	1985
	3793	5146
	4873*	5146*
Sector (1981 index)		
Chemicals	100	120
Mechanical	100	75
Electronics	100	111
Other Electrical	100	88
Aerospace	100	86
Vehicles	100	160
Other Manfg	100	93
All Manfg	100	104
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It divides government research spending into four main groups: defence (£2,340 million last year), civil departments (£982 million), the University Grants Committee (£669 million), and the five research councils (£528 million).

Five per cent of military spending goes on strategic research for strengthening the scientific base. The bulk of money for applied research is directed to developing equipment needed in five to 10 years' time.

Fields of applied research described in the report include future aircraft and aerodynamic structures, navigation and avionics, gas turbines, spacecraft for communications and remote sensing, ships and submarines, undersea warfare and counter measures, and explosives and weapons.

In the civil sector, the Department of Trade and Industry is the largest spender among the departments, with more than £350 million a year for research and development, shared between five broad categories.

The first is to increase companies' competitiveness, raise their level of innovation and enable them to compete in world markets. Projects with this aim are the Alvey programme (£28.5 million last year), and support for electronics (£28 million), information technology (£14.9 million), telecommunications (£1.7 million), and mechanical and electrical engineering (£21.3 million).

The second category provides backing for strategic research for aviation and costs £132 million a year. Next comes space technology at £64.4 million.

The DTI's four research establishments — the laboratory of the Government Chemist, the National Engineering Laboratory, the National Physical Laboratory and the Warren Spring Laboratory — account for 8 per cent.

The fifth category covers safety and regulations. The work costs £1.9 million and includes safety of consumer products and research connected with radio communications.

Research by the Ministry of Agriculture is being cut by £20 million a year, from £119.4 million, together with a redirection of effort. Spending on food safety, quality, nutrition and processing will rise from £13.5 million to £16.6 million, while that on agriculture will fall from £95 million to £83 million.

A leap from £32.3 million to £187.8 million in spending by the Department of Energy comes with the inclusion of nuclear research and development, previously shown as a separate item under the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority which has been changed into a trading fund.

Non-nuclear research focuses on developments for all stages of gas and oil exploitation, renewable sources of energy from the wind, tides and hot rocks.

The Science and Engineering Research Council, with £277 million, is by far the largest of the five. The report says the balance of the money it spends in its institutes and universities is changing from basic to applied research, with a shift of emphasis from so-called big science, such as astronomy and particle physics, towards the small sciences of engineering, materials research, electronics, chemistry and biotechnology.

The report calls for an acceleration of this trend.



Ford researchers testing cars at the company's £111 million development centre at Dunton

Government R & D spending in European Countries 1985 (£m)

	FRG	France	Italy	Holland	Belgium	UK	Other	Total	EC
Exploration, exploitation of the Earth	118	86	27	6	9	82	7	334	5
Infrastructure, general planning of land use	107	182	24	43	9	55	9	429	2
Control of environmental pollution	175	28	22	28	8	52	6	319	18
Protection, improvement of human health	169	232	99	22	26	167	16	731	14
Production, distribution and rational utilisation of energy	703	458	425	41	27	206	19	1879	188
Agricultural production and technology	110	207	82	42	23	213	54	731	9
Industrial production and technology	787	710	446	94	39	308	76	2460	90
Social structures and relationships	128	150	23	34	18	55	19	427	2
Exploration, exploitation of space	217	330	153	23	23	84	9	840	3
Research financed from 'GUF'(a)	1749	697	469	421	127	670	108	4240	-
Non-oriented research	634	842	163	90	40	299	50	2117	5
Other civil research	5	97	13	39	23	12	1	190	-
Defence	664	1829	215	28	1	2379	3	5118	-
Total	5564	5847	2163	911	373	4582	377	19818	337

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Motor car industry takes over first place

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

Britain's motor industry easily outstripped the electronics and chemicals sectors to achieve the biggest relative growth in research and development spending of all industries in the five years to 1985.

Spending rose from £180.4 million to £371.6 million as both the vehicle and component manufacturers recovered from the industrial strife of the 1970s.

None of the big car makers receives any government funds for research and development work, although the Department of Trade and Industry did provide £14 million in 1985 for research in the components industry. There was £18.7 million of overseas funding for research and development in the British motor industry.

Almost a third of the industry's research spending is accounted for by Ford, which in 1985 invested £111 million at its Dunton research centre, where 3,800 people work on the development of new cars.

Five years ago Jaguar employed only 250 engineers for research and development on new models, spending £11 million annually. With the opening of its advanced engineering centre this year, the company will employ 1,100 technical staff and investment will top £50 million in 1987.

Jaguar's long term aim is to match Mercedes's performance of investing 4.5 per cent of total sales revenue in research and development.

Space research

Funds cut 'shuts technology door'

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Government was strongly criticized yesterday over its refusal to fund space ventures, with MPs giving a warning of more lost contracts for British industry.

Sir Geoffrey Pattie, the former minister for trade and industry, said that Britain was shutting the door forever to future technologies unless the Government immediately remedied the gradual decline in spending on space projects.

Other countries were waiting eagerly to step in to take Britain's place in such ventures as the revolutionary Hotol space plane and the polar platform on the revolving Columbus space station. It was not a question of joining them later on, he said.

Sir Geoffrey, who was removed in the post-general election reshuffle, told the House of Lords select committee on space policy of his dismay at the outcome of the recent European Space Agency meeting. Companies in France, Germany and Italy would be in a much stronger position within 10 years because of the Government's attitude, he said.

His comments come after the report in *The Times* on Tuesday that British companies had lost contracts worth £2 million within one month of the Government's isolation in refusing to back the ESA programme.

"We are facing a rather stark, not to say ridiculous, situation where we contribute 14 per cent of ESA's expenditure and are now in danger of finding we have not developed the facilities to handle or process the data."

While guarded in his criticism of his successor, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Trade and Industry, he said it was an illusion to expect industry to fill the gap in funding. Science and business had to be blended with "a little bit of vision".

Sir Geoffrey confirmed that the British National Space Centre was seeking a trebling in space funds over five years, although when he was minister he supported a doubling of the budget to £200 million.

Britain's efforts in space had maintained only "comparative respectability" because the Government had robbed the nationally-funded programmes to pay the ESA contributions, which now accounted for 80 per cent of the £112 million annual space budget.

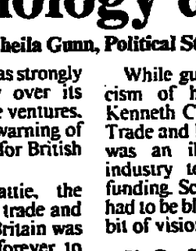
Mr John Wilkinson, chairman of the Conservative backbench space committee, urged Mr Clarke at a private meeting yesterday to adopt a more active role in supporting space projects. He said Europe had to unite to emphasize to the United States the importance of collaboration between Nasa and ESA.

Mr Clarke said in the Commons that his department had held more talks with British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce over the Hotol venture.

● The Government said it hoped to announce the result of its review of the Department of Trade and Industry's innovation policy for encouraging research and development early next year.

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Polisario truce in force for UN trip

The Polisario Front, whose fighters are waging a war against Morocco in the Western Sahara, has declared a three-week truce which coincides with a visit to the tiny corner of the region it controls by a United Nations mission studying the possibilities of a referendum on the disputed territory's future (Susan MacDonald writes). King Hassan of Morocco agreed to a referendum on the issue in 1981, but since then the stumbling block has been how it should be conducted and who should be eligible to vote.

Although the truce is a unilateral one, it should stop the fighting, as it is the Polisario forces which usually launch attacks against the Moroccans defending hundreds of miles of sand walls built to keep out the guerrillas. The UN mission arrived in Morocco last weekend and has divided into a miltary and civilian team to try to assess the realities on the ground despite claims and counter-claims from both sides. In addition to visiting Polisario-held areas today, the UN teams will also see refugee camps in Algeria.

Spy gets a pension

Bonn — Herr Manfred Rotsch, aged 63, a jailed West German agent who spied for 30 years for the KGB and was freed in a swap last August, has returned to West Germany and a pension of £150 a week (John England writes).

Security sources in Bonn said that he was still a West German citizen and had been pardoned for his swap. "Therefore he is free to come and go as he wishes, and he is still entitled to his West German pension."

Herr Rotsch spent just over three months behind bars. He was exchanged on August 12 for an East German doctor, Frau Christa Schumann, aged 52, who was serving a long sentence for alleged spying for West Germany.

Uganda flare-up

Nairobi — After a two-month lull, guerrilla attacks on President Museveni's National Resistance Army have flared up in northern Uganda (Alastair Matheson writes). The towns of Gulu and Kitgum were attacked by rebels of the Uganda People's Democratic Army.

Gulu, the main town in Acholi district, first experienced a hit-and-run raid and then about 200 rebels launched a second attack. They were beaten off after suffering 52 casualties.

At about the same time, a raid on Kitgum, 55 miles to the north-east, destroyed the power station on the Pager river outside the town and was only beaten off after a three-hour battle in which both sides suffered heavy causalties.

Ethiopia appeal

A appeal is to be launched next week by Britain's five leading overseas development charities to attempt to avert the worst effects of the latest famine in Ethiopia (Paul Vallely writes). The British Red Cross, Oxfam, Save the Children Fund, Christian Aid and the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development have joined in a Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal. The address for donations will be: Ethiopian Appeal, PO Box 999, London EC2R 7ET. Donations can also be given from next week through any bank or post office.

Tunisian arrests

Tunis (Reuter) — Seventy-six people have been arrested in connection with a plot to assassinate government figures, Tunisia's Interior Minister, Mr Habib Ammar, said yesterday.

He said that security forces had seized arms and explosives in an operation on November 16, nine days after former President Bourguiba was deposed by Mr Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali. The arms had been provided by an Islamic fundamentalist leader now facing retrial on treason charges.

Italy at a standstill

Rome — Italy came to a standstill yesterday as a general strike to protest against government budget plans crippled all transport services, left patients untended in hospital wards and blacked out the media (Roger Boyes writes).

Even the Italian Parliament, supposedly discussing a vote of confidence in the reconstituted Government of Signor Giovanni Goria, barely functioned. But by lunchtime the strike was declared over with the unions claiming victory.

Burundi return foiled

Brussels (AFP) — The deposed President of Burundi, Mr Jean-Baptiste Bagaza, failed in an undercover attempt to return to his country yesterday when Bujumbura airport was closed to prevent him landing there.

Mr Bagaza, travelling under an assumed name and accompanied by 11 other people, was returning to Brussels on the aircraft he boarded on Tuesday bound for Bujumbura. The Sabena flight was halted at Kigali, Rwanda, because of the closure of Burundi's airport and took off for Brussels with the former President still on board.

Superpowers' INF treaty

Sights now set on long-range arms deal

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

After the success of the INF negotiations, the main focus, particularly at the summit in Washington in two weeks' time, will be on the strategic long-range missiles. Both President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov are talking of completing a deal on a 50 per cent reduction in the strategic arsenals by about May, in time for the return summit in Moscow. Is this realistic?

While all the attention has been on the INF negotiations, significant headway has been made with the strategic arms reduction talks, known as Start. But there are still substantive issues that have to be resolved. Verification, although considerably helped along the way by the INF safeguards, will remain a significant problem, because this time the treaty will not be about the total removal of a whole layer of missiles, but a 50 per cent cut.

What is the state of play with Start?

The arguments so far have all been about sub-limits of missile groups. Both sides agree that each should be limited to 1,600 intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs), submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs) and heavy bombers (long-range), and that the warheads on them should be restricted to 6,000.

It was also agreed at the summit in Reykjavik last October that gravity bombs and short-range missiles on heavy bombers would not count individually, but that the heavy bombers carrying them would count as one warhead under the 6,000 limit and as one delivery vehicle under the 1,600 limit.

The American position is that, within these overall ceilings, there should be sub-limits. They say that only 4,800 of the warheads should be ballistic and the warheads on ICBMs — where the Russians have superiority — should be restricted to 3,300. The Americans also want to restrict the number of missiles which have six or more warheads. This would affect the US MX missile and the Soviet SS18 and SS24.

Originally the Russians were not interested in sub-limits. But they began to change their tune and this October, when Mr George Shultz saw Mr Gorbachov in Moscow, the Soviet leader came up with a new set of missile figures.

Mr Gorbachov said that the Soviet Union would agree to limiting ICBM warheads to between 3,000 and 3,300. SLBM warheads to between 1,800 and 2,000, and air-launched cruise missiles to between 800 and 900 warheads.

The American reaction was mixed. While they were pleased that the Russians had produced their own sub-limit formula, they were clearly trying to set separate limits on all three strategic legs, and that would mean the US having to restructure its nuclear forces radically. The US is "SLBM-rich", as one American official put it. Submarine-launched missiles are regarded as a more stabilizing deterrent than the mighty ICBMs. Under the Soviet scheme, the US would have to cut its SLBM warheads by about two-thirds.

But with the basic understanding on both sides that sub-limits are acceptable, it will just be a matter of "haggling" over numbers.

However, Star Wars, the US Strategic Defence Initiative, still has the potential for scuppering a Start agreement. Yet even here there are signs of Soviet concessions that might meet with American approval.

The latest Star Wars sortie by the Soviet Union is that tests in space should be limited to certain parameters. For example, the brightness of a laser is a good measure of its military performance and this could be restricted. But the hardline Star Wars supporters say that any thresholds imposed by the Russians on the research programme would start the US on the "slippery slope" towards cancellation.

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Tough rules to prevent cheating

From Frederick Bonnart, Brussels and Alan McGregor, Geneva

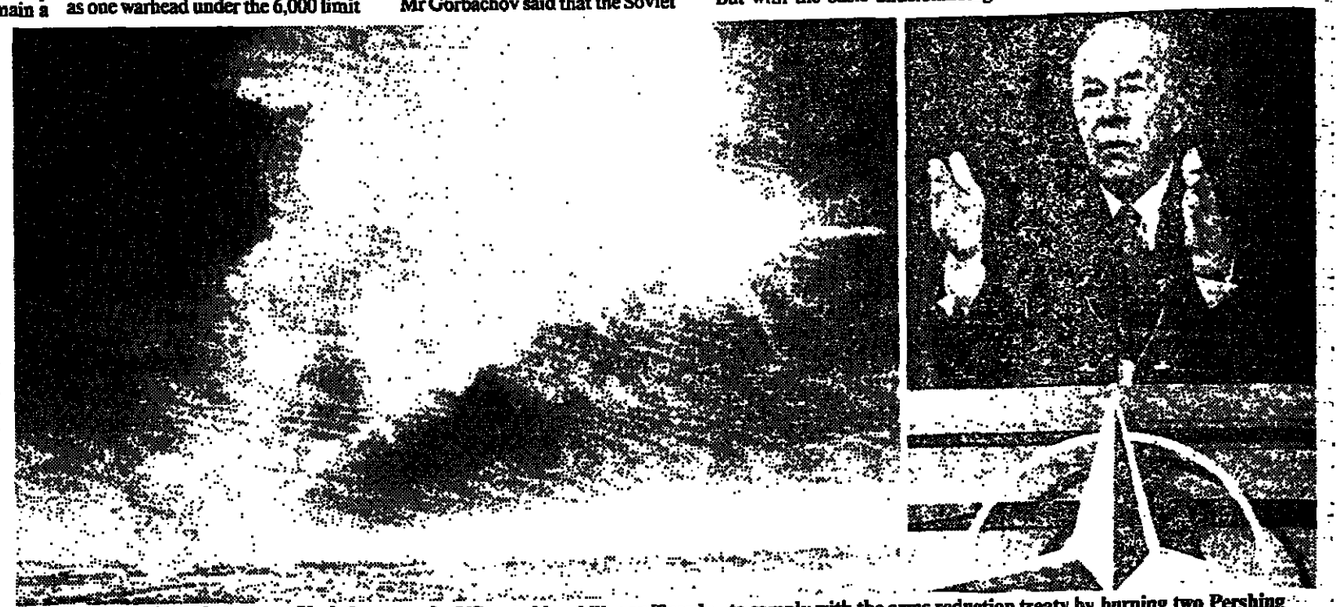
A highly intrusive inspection system to confirm a rigorous destruction plan is one of the most important features of the intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) treaty to be signed by President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov in Washington on December 8.

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, said in Brussels yesterday that all intermediate-range missiles were to be destroyed within three years.

He added: "Gross numbers have been given. They are perfectly in line with the estimates we had." Final details of Soviet data are due to be produced in Geneva today.

In addition to some 1,500 Soviet operational warheads, a number of reload and spare missiles have to be considered and these have also been declared. Mr Shultz said that about 350 US missiles were deployed at present and there were also American spares to be counted.

Each side would first remove the nuclear material and the guidance systems from their own warheads.



Smoke rising from the western Utah desert as the US tested its ability on Tuesday to comply with the arms reduction treaty by burning two Pershing rocket motors; and Mr George Shultz explaining details of the treaty in Brussels yesterday, after briefing Nato allies on the final draft.

Their booster missile casings and launchers would then be destroyed in the presence of inspectors at special sites. Some missiles would simply be fired into the sea.

Under the challenge inspection system, either side can, with just "several hours" notice, send inspectors to take a look. Both sides agree that "enhanced national technical means" will be used to keep on eye on suspect sites. This will involve satellites and an arrangement under which the Americans and Russians will not conceal anything when satellites pass over. The challenger would notify the Nuclear Risk Reduction Centre at Geneva, which would inform the country concerned.

The challenged country would then have to provide an aircraft or helicopter within four hours, and the inspector would have the right to tell the pilot where to go. He may stay in the country up to 24 hours.

A refusal would amount to a treaty violation.

Official entry points for inspectors are Moscow and Irkutsk in the Soviet Union and Washington and San Francisco in the US. The inspectors will have the right "to look through the doors of any building", as one American official put it.

The short notice inspections will be additional to the "baseline" visits to verify the number of missiles on the sites and the "close-out" visits to check the bases are closed.

Mr Shultz added that the basing countries would exchange notes with the Soviet Union to this effect which would safeguard fully their sovereignty and respect their national laws.

Inspections would also be allowed at production facilities in the US and Soviet Union, though these would be at the perimeter only. These would apply to the Soviet plant manufacturing SS25 missiles in the town of Votkinsk.

Similar checks are to made at US plants at General Dynamics in San Diego to verify that the continued production of air and sea-launched cruise missiles does not violate the treaty regulations on ground-launched cruise missiles.

Mr Shultz emphasized that ground-launched cruise missiles were the only ones affected by the treaty.

The Martin Marietta plant in Utah, where Pershing2 parts are manufactured, will also be monitored. The plant is now used for building a stage of the MX missile.

In conclusion, Mr Shultz said that this was an historic moment, as the present Nato strategy of deterrence and détente had been formalized by the Harmel report 20 years ago. The then Belgian Foreign Minister, Mr Pierre Harmel, was honoured for this at a ceremony in Brussels yesterday.

348 missiles on Nato sites

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

Under the 1979 dual-track decision agreed by Nato, five countries were selected to deploy cruise and Pershing2 missiles. Since then, development of the sites has continued but only 348 of the 572 scheduled missiles have been deployed and made operational to date.

Britain: Greenham Common, Berkshire, is fully operational with 96 cruise missiles. The second site, at Molesworth, Cambridgeshire, is due to receive 64 cruise missiles by the end of next year. Launch vehicles and 16 missiles have been delivered from the US, but no warheads. It is now unlikely that warheads will be sent to Molesworth.

West Germany: This is the only basing country to receive both Pershing2 and cruise missiles. There are three Pershing2 bases, at Neu Ulm, Neckars Ulm and Schwäbisch Gmünd, with a total of 108 single-warhead missiles now fully operational. The single cruise base at Wüscheim is believed to have 16 missiles, but is not fully operational.

Italy: One site, at Comiso in Sicily. The base is now operational, with a full complement of 112 cruise missiles.

Belgium: One site has been developed at Florennes in the south. It is not yet operational, though 16 cruise missiles have been delivered. Two more "flights", each with 16 missiles to bring the total to 48, were planned but Brussels said recently the final 32 missiles would not be delivered if the INF treaty was signed next month.

The Netherlands: The cruise missile base at Woensdrecht, in the south-west, is not yet operational. Much of the special cruise launch equipment has been delivered, but there are no missiles and no warheads. The Dutch were to receive 48 cruise missiles by the end of next year.

Both superpowers have acknowledged that many spare missiles are also held. The Soviet side, for example, has several hundred spare shorter-range missiles and additional SS20s. The Americans are also believed to have sent an extra 48 Pershing2 missiles to West Germany as spares, and in the US a further 30 are kept on operational standby. All these extras will have to be destroyed.

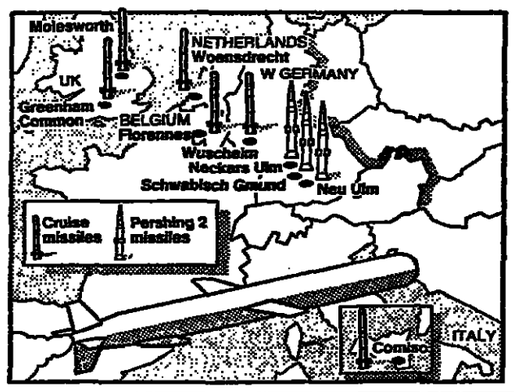
Moscow will also have to scrap development of their own ground-launched cruise missile and an updated and more accurate SS20.

Under the verification agreement, the Russians will be allowed 20 inspections a year for the three years of the missile withdrawal period, 15 annual inspections for a further five years and 10 a year for the subsequent five years.

In order to check on "suspect" sites in the US, the Russians will also be able to permanently monitor a production plant in Utah that used to make engines for the Pershing2 missile and now makes a stage of the long-range MX missile; and carry out periodic inspections of a plant in San Diego, California, that produces launchers for ground-based cruise missiles.

In return, the Americans will be able set up a monitoring system outside the gates of the SS25 ICBM production factory in Votkinsk.

The 72 Pershing1A missiles, with US nuclear warheads but deployed with the West German Army, are not part of the treaty. But it has been agreed with Bonn that they will be removed by the end of the three-year INF withdrawal period, when they will be obsolete.



US 'betrayal' angers right

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan finally has an arms control agreement, a summit and a substantial foreign policy achievement to take his country's mind off the budget crisis and all the other problems piling up. No wonder he beamed with confidence and relief at the news that the INF treaty was finally in the bag.

But the President's most ardent supporters, hardline conservatives, are anything but happy. Frustrated, angry and with a growing sense of disillusionment, they see both the treaty and the summit as the ultimate betrayal of the Reagan revolution.

Digging in their heels, they are preparing a last-ditch stand against both, even contemplating an open break with the President. A furore on the right, gathering force as pragmatists replace conservatives within the Administration, threatens to embarrass the President and split the Republican Party just as Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, touches down in Washington.

Already the skirmishes have begun. The prompt resignation last week of Mr Frank Gaffney, the last of the hardliners in the Pentagon, provoked an outcry from those who accused Mr Frank Carlucci, the new Defence Secretary, of preparing a purge of the right.

Mr Gaffney, the 34-year-old protégé of the right, was nominated to replace Mr Richard Perle as Assistant Defence Secretary, but never confirmed by the Senate. His summary departure signalled to the conservatives that their long ascendancy in the Pentagon under Mr Caspar Weinberger was over, and that hopes for a brake on the arms control momentum from within were vain.

Before leaving, Mr Gaffney openly criticized Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, for negotiating against a deadline, and challenged Mr Reagan to halt the talks and take stock. Mr Gaffney and the conservatives are deeply suspicious of the concessions made to nail down the INF treaty. They argue that verification still cannot guarantee that all intermediate and short-range weapons will be destroyed. Republicans on the House Intelligence Committee said in a minority report last week that the real issue was, "how many could remain undetected and whether monitoring privileges will maximize opportunities to investigate any suspicious activities we may discover."

The United States, they insist, must be prepared to punish Moscow if it violates the treaty — as they are sure it will. Senator Steven Symms of Idaho advocates a bill that will automatically redeploy US Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in Europe if the Russians are caught cheating. An amendment along these lines and debate of similar proposals by at least 20 Republicans who are opposed to the treaty could delay its ratification until late summer. This would stall the momentum, and make the conclusion of a new long-range strategic arms treaty and a Moscow summit all but impossible during the Reagan Administration.

The right has been bolstered by the public opposition to the treaty from four of the six Republican presidential candidates. Only Mr George Bush, the Vice-President, has wholeheartedly supported it, while Senator Robert Dole has expressed strong doubts. General Alexander Haig is the most outspoken, insisting the withdrawal of the missiles would create a crisis of confidence in western Europe and Nato.

However, the very holding of a summit at this critical time in the weakened presidency raises grave fears on the right, which predicts that Mr Reagan will again be "snookered" by Mr Gorbachov, as he was at Reykjavik. Conservatives see the hated liberal press playing into Soviet hands, and fear that Mr Reagan, playing the genial host, will forget everything he said about the "evil empire" and allow détente to creep in again by the back door. "I just think that the West is once again in danger of being had," Mr Paul Weyrich, leader of a conservative lobby group, said.

Delhi — Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, was named yesterday as winner of the $115,000 (about £68,000) Indira Gandhi award for peace (AP reports). The selection committee, led by Indian Vice-President Shankar Dayal Sharma, cited Mr Gorbachov for "bold proposals" to initiate nuclear disarmament.

The Demjanjuk trial

Family threatens to sue witness

From A Correspondent, Jerusalem

A member of the family of Mr John Demjanjuk, the alleged Nazi war criminal, is under investigation by Israeli police, at the suggestion of the court, for attempting to obstruct justice at Mr Demjanjuk's trial.

Mr David Nishnic, the accused's 32-year-old son-in-law, told reporters that immediately after yesterday's court session, police took him into a room and arranged to question him later in the day.

Yesterday morning, Mr William Flynn, a defence witness, told the court he could not continue to testify because the night before he had been threatened with a breach of contract suit if he answered a single question.

"Who said this to you?" asked Chief Justice Dov Levin. "The John Demjanjuk defence fund," Mr Flynn replied.

"Funds don't sue, people do," the judge said. "My understanding is that it was Nishnic," answered Mr Flynn.

Mr Flynn, a document examiner from Arizona, said he found himself in legal jeopardy. "I am in a very uncomfortable position. If I agree to testify, I may be sued in the US, and if I do not testify, this would potentially put me in jail in Israel."

His predicament began on Tuesday, when Mr Demjanjuk's lawyers sought to strike his testimony from the record because the court ruled that two critical exhibits he presented were irrelevant.

The defence attorney, Mr Yoram Shestel, said that he saw no point in continuing since the remaining testimony would just be a repeat of what previous witnesses had said.

Mr Flynn was testifying about the questionable authenticity of a Nazi identity card supposedly issued to Mr Demjanjuk. Judge Levin told the defence that under Israeli law, once the witness took the stand his testimony became court record and he was liable to cross-examination.

The prosecution stated that the witness had said a great deal and they intended to cross-examine him. The cross-examination began and when he took the stand again on Wednesday, Mr Flynn said that Mr Nishnic had again threatened to sue him.

The judge said that Israeli law forbids the obstruction of justice and later Mr Nishnic told reporters that he firmly respected Israeli law and had no intention of breaking it.

Mr Nishnic left his job in 1986 when Mr Demjanjuk was extradited to Israel from the US and became director of the John Demjanjuk defence fund.

He said that a contract was signed between Mr Flynn and the fund, whereby he would testify according to what he was hired for. "If he is forced to testify, it is violation of the contract and we will sue him," Mr Nishnic said.

The court ruled that Mr Flynn did not have to continue testifying in light of his predicament, but warned Mr Nishnic: "There is a suspicion of miscarriage of justice under Israeli law and it is only fit that the proper authorities look into it."

Rioting Cubans detonated prison 'time bomb'

From Charles Bremner, New York

New York — Cuban prisoners in Atlanta took 25 more hostages yesterday and threatened to kill them, while rioting detainees in Louisiana asked to be sent to a third country as a solution to end their four-day long prison siege (Charles Bremner writes). The Atlanta prisoners, who are demanding US citizenship and immunity from prosecution, took their hostages in the prison hospital in early morning, bringing to 94 their total number of captives. Both groups, the 1,400 prisoners who took over the jail in Atlanta on Monday and the 1,000 who took control of the low-security prison in Oakdale, Louisiana, have rejected an offer from Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney General, to suspend their deportation while their individual cases are reviewed.

Few who were aware of the plight of Cubans detained in the United States were surprised when they rioted and seized more than 100 hostages in Georgia and Louisiana prisons this week.

"It was a time bomb waiting to go off," said Father Roy Bourgeois, a priest who served time with the Cubans at Oakdale jail in Louisiana this year for an offence committed during an anti-war demonstration. "No one seemed to realize the depth of their pain and their sense of injustice."

The prison rampages have embarrassed the US Administration, which believed last week it had neatly relieved a seven-year-old headache through a pact with Havana to return unwanted refugees. For its part, Cuba will send 27,000 new refugees every year.

The prison sieges have also thrown the spotlight once again on the rough justice of the US Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), the much-feared agency which polices the millions of foreigners trying to settle legally or illegally in America. Under a 1983 ruling, confirmed by the Supreme Court last year, aliens are deemed to have no constitutional rights in the United States and can be held indefinitely without trial.

Most of the 2,500 prisoners felt they had little to lose by rioting when they heard last Friday that Havana had agreed to take back about that number of "undesirables" who came to the United States in the 1980 Mariel boat-lift.

Then, about 125,000 Cubans swarmed across the Straits of Florida in small boats from the port of Mariel, overwhelming the INS, after President Castro invited everyone who wanted to leave the country to do so.

A further sting for the Carter Administration was that Cuba also emptied the inmates of its high-security prisons and mental hospitals on to the Mariel boats.

On arrival in Miami, many of the refugees plunged into crime, particularly the drug trade, with a savagery that bordered on madness. Only a few hundred Marielitos were detained on entry, and more than 200 of the worst were sent back in 1984 when the US-Cuban accord, which was activated last week, was originally reached. President Castro suspended it almost at once in 1984 when Washington opened Radio Marti, a US government station broadcasting in Spanish to Cuba.

All the Marielitos were admitted to the country under a special "parole" status, since they were technically apprehended at sea before entering US territory. This made them liable to immediate deportation for any offence.

Now, 3,800 Marielitos are serving sentences in ordinary US jails for offences committed in the States — in addition to the 2,500 prisoners now rioting in Atlanta and Oakdale. These had already completed their sentences and were being held at the pleasure of the INS, pending deportation. The service says it wants to send back all of both groups if possible.

While Atlanta houses many of the violent offenders, Oakdale holds a large number who had been convicted of misdemeanours such as possessing marijuana or failing to pay a taxi fare. The authorities were preparing many of the Oakdale detainees for rehabilitation in American society.

Mr J.R. Johnson, the warden of the Oakdale centre, said the prisoners' reaction was inevitable. "They don't want to go back. Some have said, 'What"s the point? I'm going to get killed if I go back anyway. I might as well get killed here.'"

But human rights organizations have denounced the treatment of the Oakdale and Atlanta prisoners as inhumane and an outrageous violation of the Constitution and international law.

Public opinion on the rioting Cubans appears to be largely behind the authorities, though conservative politicians and some editorials have attacked the wisdom of returning refugees to communist states.

The tabloid *New York Daily News* said: "The US didn't deal with the Mariel prisoners in a 'full, fair and equitable' manner. Instead, it left them in a legal limbo, awaiting a deal with Castro, the top Marxist thug of the Caribbean. That's what triggered these riots and that's the problem that must be dealt with . . ."

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Fruits of black labour militancy

Ford offers workers trust deal in pullout from South Africa

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The American Ford Motor Company is to disinvest from South Africa under a novel agreement whereby part of its holding in the South African Motor Corporation (Samcor) will be given to a trust fund controlled by the company's 4,500 mainly black workforce.

The deal was announced as the giant Anglo American Corporation, now the biggest shareholder in Samcor, prepared to unveil later today an unprecedented scheme offering its black workers equity participation in the company.

Mr Gavin Relly, the chairman of Anglo, South Africa's biggest mining and industrial multinational, is due to reveal details of the offer at a press conference at the corporation's Johannesburg headquarters this afternoon.

Both the Ford agreement and Anglo scheme represent moves by South African big business to appease growing labour militancy by offering black workers a direct stake in their employing companies.

Anglo has about 250,000 employees, of whom the vast majority are black mine-workers. During the three-week strike by black miners last August, the corporation suffered more than other mining houses because its labour force is more highly unionized.

Under the disinvestment agreement, Ford will continue to supply vehicles, components, service parts, management and technical assistance to Samcor, which assembles and markets Ford vehicles here.

Ford will give a 24 per cent equity interest in Samcor – estimated to be worth about 100 million rand (£28 million) – to the employees' trust fund. Dividend income earned by the fund will be used for the welfare of employees, their families and communities.

In addition, Ford is to contribute $2 million (£1.13 million) to each of two community trusts, respectively in the Pretoria and Port Elizabeth areas. The trustees, drawn in equal numbers from employee and community representatives, will control the use of the funds.

The head of the motor section of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa, Mr Fred Sauls, a party to the agreement, said yesterday it was the first time that a disinvestment deal had come close to complying with trade union requirements. These were that the assets and wealth of foreign companies which disinvest from South Africa – a move supported in principle by union leaders – should be kept in the country and used in the people's interests.

Mr Sauls said that a key aspect of the agreement was that Samcor employees would not personally be recipients of dividend income from the trust fund. Workers had no desire to be drawn into "alienating private enterprise relationships".

The trustees will be five representatives of hourly-paid workers, elected by the workers, and two representatives of salaried staff. The trustees will, in turn, elect three of their number to serve on Samcor's board of directors.

The rest of the 42 per cent stake in Samcor previously held by Ford has been acquired by Anglo and associated companies, which now own all shares not held by the employee trust. Anglo yesterday declined to say what it had paid for the Ford holding.

● **Park charges:** Johannesburg city council, reacting to violence in several parks last month during which a mob of blacks stabbed two whites to death, is to erect wire-mesh fences around some parks and charge admission fees on school and public holidays and at weekends.

Those aged between 13 and 63 will be charged two rands (57 pence) and those aged between 6 and 13 will be charged 50 cents. Small children and people over 63 will be exempt from the charges.

● **More deaths:** As rival black political factions claimed to have made progress in peace talks at Pietermaritzburg in Natal, the police yesterday reported three more deaths in the region in violence estimated to have cost some 200 black lives so far this year.

Local leaders of the United Democratic Front (UDF), the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the UDF's labour wing, and Inkatha, the Zulu-dominated political organisation led by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, said they planned to meet again on December 9.

A statement issued by the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Commerce, which chaired and organized the meeting, said all the participants had condemned the violence, and called for "the release (from jail) of members of organizations which are a party to the peace talks".

Lagos – Nigeria has offered military training facilities to black nationalists in South Africa (Reuter reports). The offer was conveyed to Mr Oliver Tambo, president of the African National Congress, by Nigeria's High Commissioner in Lusaka. During a visit to Lagos last December, Mr Tambo said he appealed to President Babangida for military assistance and his mission had been successful.

Haiti vigilantes hunt anti-poll gunmen

From Alan Tomlinson
Port au Prince

Groups of neighbourhood vigilantes armed with sticks, stones and machetes took control of the streets of the Haitian capital, Port au Prince, in response to days of anti-election violence by right-wing gangs.

Angered by a series of armed assaults and arson attacks against candidates' headquarters and electoral officers, bands of youths made travel around the city impossible by erecting barricades of stones and other debris at almost every street corner.

The apparently spontaneous action on Tuesday night, which seems to have no political objective other than to ensure that elections go ahead this Sunday, also comes in response to the failure of the Army and police to maintain order in a rapidly deteriorating political situation.

The military junta, which has ruled Haiti since President Jean-Claude Duvalier fled into exile amid a popular uprising 21 months ago, has pledged to hand power to elected civilians in February.

Barricades first began going up on Monday night in the waterfront district of Carrefour-Feuilles where several thousand people poured into the street after an arsonist was discovered attempting to set a fire to a street market. The night before, armed men had burnt down one of the city's biggest covered food markets.

By Tuesday a call to form "committees of vigilance" had spread by *tele-joki* – the name the largely illiterate Creole population gives to its highly developed form of bush telegraph. Drivers foolhardy enough to ignore an informal 9 pm curfew which has existed here for months were stopped, questioned and frequently turned back at barricades that went up all over the city as darkness fell. Sporadic gunfire echoing around the city was met by a cacophonous response as vigilante groups pounded metal lamp posts with sticks and stones.

Four men who tried to force their way through a barrier at Carrefour-Feuilles were attacked by a mob. Three escaped on foot; the other had his hands and ears chopped off by machete blows before being disembowelled and draped across the roof of his car. Radio stations reported two other people killed in the dockside slums of Cité Soleil.



A woman in a mountain village near Port au Prince stirring the family pot in front of her tin shack, covered with posters of a presidential candidate, as election fever grips Haiti.

"He was a Macoute," explained 30-year-old Mr Joseph Geanty who witnessed the Carrefour killing. His reference was to the Tontons Macoute, the disbanded private militia which propped up the Duvaliers, although the term is now used in Haiti to describe all loyalists to the old regime who are opposed to elections from which they have been constitutionally barred.

The atmosphere was friendly at many barricades but strangers, such as this correspondent, who ventured unwisely into the night faced frightening experiences. By midnight, many of the blockaders were drunk on home-brew and almost out of control.

My own car was surrounded by machete-wielding drinkers as I returned to my hotel after a brief foray. I was rescued from what rapidly degenerated into a dangerous incident by a familiar face in the crowd.

Twice on Monday gunmen attacked the headquarters of one of the leading contenders in the presidential race. For the past few nights corpses have been found on main city streets. One was dumped near the home of another leading candidate. On Tuesday, for a second consecutive day, car loads of gunmen drove through the business district in broad daylight, firing into the air and shooting dead an innocent passer-by, apparently chosen at random.

Sunday's ballot, the first of two rounds for the presidency, will also elect a 27-seat Senate and 77 congressional deputies. It will be Haiti's first democratic election for 30 years, and many Haitians expect it to be the fairest in the history of the nation.

Briton is arrested after clinic death

Abu Dhabi (Reuter) – A British doctor has been arrested after a pregnant Lebanese woman died on Monday after an operation in her clinic, Health Ministry sources said.

Dr Marion Williams, a gynaecologist in her sixties, herself called the police after the woman died, the sources said. She had worked at a government hospital for more than five years before starting her own clinic.

The cause of death had not yet been established.

Bribe fine

Nancy (AFP) – Edward Risebrow, a British lorry driver, was fined 2,000 francs for offering a bribe to a French customs officer who discovered that his vehicle had a special tank containing domestic fuel rather than the more heavily-taxed diesel fuel.

Body found

Lisbon (Reuter) – Angolan troops have found the remains of a South African pilot whose fighter was shot down near the Namibian border last week, the Angolan news agency said.

Aids thief

Seville (Reuter) – Spanish police warned a thief who stole seven test tubes from a hospital laboratory that they contained Aids antibodies and should not be handled.

Literary prize

Madrid – The Mexican novelist Carlos Fuentes has been awarded the Miguel de Cervantes Prize, Spain's most prestigious annual literary award. It is worth £50,000.

Cyprus plea

Nicosia (Reuter) – Cyprus has asked the UN peacekeeping force to remove barbed wire from sections of the green line dividing the island.

Drug hanging

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) – A factory labourer aged 32 was sentenced to death for trafficking in 17.2 ounces of cannabis.

Unrest in Romania

Doubts grow over rioting in Brasov

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Is the communist regime in Romania unstable? Ten days after thousands of Romanians protested in Brasov, details of what happened in Romania's second largest city remain fragmentary and conflicting.

Initial reports reaching the West spoke of several thousands entering party buildings, destroying furniture and burning portraits of President Ceausescu and his wife, Elena. These first accounts were based on eye-witnesses in Brasov and were relayed through Western diplomats in Bucharest.

This bare outline was later enriched by a number of other "eye-witness accounts" in several Western papers last weekend, which suggested that Brasov had been the scene of the biggest anti-communist demonstrations in Romania's history since 1947.

Belgrade – Miners in the central Yugoslav republic of Bosnia-Hercegovina have won a 60 per cent pay rise after a five-day stoppage which saw tense confrontations between strikers, non-strikers and management (Reuter reports).

"Romania rebels!", cried the lead story of the West German mass-circulation *Bild am Sonntag*. Other newspapers were quick to take up the theme. A Western diplomat, however, who visited Brasov after the demonstration could not confirm that any public buildings had been damaged and cast doubt on these reports.

All these accounts without exception were based on one of four sources: Romanian tourists who arrived in Vienna last week; a Romanian in Bucharest who had recently visited Brasov; telephone conversations with dissident sources in Romania; and a Western diplomat who visited Brasov the weekend after the demonstration. As the Romanian authorities have closed Brasov to Western journalists, none of the reports can be confirmed.

Among the contradictions are the following. In some reports, the Brasov mediaeval town hall was "stormed and burnt to the ground", in others no buildings were damaged. One source said the protesters remained well-behaved and "peaceful"; another described how they discovered stores of food in basements normally the preserve of party members. In a gesture redolent of earlier revolutions, oranges and bread were hurled from windows to an angry crowd which had endured four winters of strict rationing.

The reports also differ on casualties. More significantly, they differ on how the demonstration ended. While several claimed that the presence of women and children resulted in the marchers retiring peacefully, others insisted that force was used to break up the protesters.

These differences aside, all the reports agree that the demonstration was sparked off by workers at the "Red Flag" (Steagul Rosu) factory after they were told their pay would be cut on the day that they would be forced to vote in a one-candidate local election. The accounts also agree that police and military units arrived in force in Brasov before the demonstration ended.

President Ceausescu's decision to continue on his official visit to Egypt this week suggests order has been restored. But even if only a fraction of what has been reported took place in Brasov, there can be no doubt that the beleaguered Romanians are becoming more willing to demonstrate their contempt for the regime which has plunged the country into almost mediaeval poverty.

The reports ominously did not differ on the wording of the slogans chanted by demonstrators: "Down with the regime! Death to Ceausescu!"

Howe gambles on EEC deal with Gibraltar airport talks

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, is preparing to take a calculated risk tomorrow when he has talks on Gibraltar with his Spanish counterpart, Señor Francisco Fernández Ordóñez.

He will offer what Gibraltarians, ever suspicious of British intentions, are bound to interpret as a concession to Madrid: joint use of the colony's airport, free from immigration controls.

It is a lot less than the Spanish are asking for but, with a fudge here and a semantic wrinkle there, it may prove just enough to secure a deal. The prize, if he pulls it off – and diplomats of both countries were optimistic after preparatory talks this week – will not be paid in Madrid or London, but in Brussels.

It is hoped that the Spanish will withdraw their objections to a British-promoted EEC plan to liberalize the skies of Europe with lower air fares and more competition. Provided the Madrid talks are successful, Spain's *quid pro quo* should be delivered at a meeting of the 12 transport ministers on December 7.

The anger felt by British ministers when Spain used its veto at a previous meeting of the ministers in June has faded. There was even some discreet admiration of Madrid's tactics. For the first time Spain had found a way of using its EEC membership to tighten the screw on Gibraltar. Its timing was masterful: not until the air agreement was about to be approved did Madrid link it to the unrelated issue of the colony's airport.

The strategy worked. In preparatory meetings between officials, Britain has looked for the middle ground between Spanish demands for joint control of the airport and Gibraltarian objections to anything that resembles a concession.



Señor Ordóñez: Compromise could satisfy his demands.

It has agreed that Spain could share the airport in the way that France and Switzerland share facilities at Basle airport. The airport lies on the isthmus between the Rock and the Spanish mainland and its boundary is also part of the border. The plan is that arriving Spanish passengers would pass directly into Spain through a special exit, without passing through Gibraltar's controls.

Sir Geoffrey has argued that such an arrangement "need involve no infringement of sovereignty whatsoever". The Gibraltarians remain unconvinced, seeing joint use as a wedge in the sovereignty door.

But British public opinion is likely to be more sympathetic. There should be no difficulty in presenting it as a pragmatic gesture towards a friendly and increasingly important European partner.

There is a small risk that demonstrations by Gibraltarians against a deal might awaken post-colonial sentries in the dustier corridors of Westminster. It is a chance that Sir Geoffrey can probably afford to take.

Election in Turkey

Ozal rivals gaining ground

From Michael Dynes, Ankara

Three days before Turkey goes to the polls, the ruling Motherland Party of Mr Turgut Ozal, the Prime Minister, seems set to chalk up its second five-year mandate since the military permitted a gradual return to democracy in 1983.

But the impressive performances of Mr Erdal Inonu, the Social Democratic Populist Party leader, and the energetic, acerbic campaign fought by Mr Suleyman Demirel, the True Path party leader, have fuelled speculation that Mr Ozal's majority in the National Assembly may be significantly eroded.

After the almost universal failure to predict correctly the outcome of the September referendum, which permitted the return to political life of hundreds of politicians banned under military rule, few political analysts are prepared to venture firm numbers.

Their hesitation seems to have been exacerbated by an inability to gauge the impact on the voters of party political broadcasts which began in earnest this week.

In his first television broadcast, Mr Ozal exploited his economic record and said that the opposition parties would return the republic to anarchy.

He claimed that Turkey's progress had been so rapid over the past four years that it had "leapt an age" and would be as economically advanced as Western Europe by the turn of the century.

Mr Inonu, however, is widely acknowledged to have executed a brilliant public relations *démarche* over the Motherland Party. The former physics professor has been running newspaper advertisements showing a hand squeezing a lemon and asking: "Do you have the strength to be crushed like a lemon for five more years?"

An urbane and scholarly figure, Mr Inonu thinks nothing of squeezing a few drops of kudos out of his pedigree.

At election rallies, where he has been drawing large and ecstatic crowds, Mr Inonu is introduced as the son of Ismet Inonu, whose accolades include "Ataturk's comrade-in-arms, the second President of the Turkish Republic, the commander of the western front in the Turkish War of Independence, the hero of the Lausanne treaty, Commander of the Inonu battles, and the founder of democracy."

Mr Suleyman Demirel, responding to Mr Ozal's "leaping an age" rhetoric, has been at pains to emphasize that the only thing leaping in Turkey is inflation.

The other pre-coup celebrity, Mr Bulent Ecevit, leader of the Democratic Left Party, appears to be heading for the political wilderness. Alarmed at seeing his support drifting to the Social Democrats, he has resorted to accusing Mr Inonu of being in the pay of Western capitalists and his television appearances have served only to project him as panic-stricken and paranoid.

The controversial leader of the unofficial Islamic Fundamentalist Welfare Party, Mr Necmettin Erbakan, made earlier this week his first television appearance since the September military coup.

The fortunes of Mr Erbakan, who seems to have been making considerable advances in many key rural areas, are being watched closely.

If he passes the 10 per cent required to secure representation in Parliament, Mr Erbakan may provoke something of a political crisis as the formation of religious or communist parties is banned.

Le Pen stirs up French political pot with abstention call

From Philip Jacobson
Paris

Nobody in French politics goes for the jugular with greater relish than M Jean-Marie Le Pen, and the leader of the extreme right-wing National Front party has just struck again.

Seizing the opportunity of next Sunday's final round of voting in a local council election in the 20th district of Marseilles, M Le Pen is urging supporters there to practise something he has christened "positive abstention".

The result, he sincerely hopes, will be a victory for the left over the official representative of France's governing conservative coalition. M Le Pen likes neither group, but is now turning his real enmity on the conservatives.

If that sounds puzzling, it is because this obscure contest in Marseilles has been elevated into something of much greater national significance. As most observers interpret the arithmetic of last Sunday's run-off in Marseilles, the National Front's 18 per cent of the vote puts the party firmly in the driving seat. If the leader's advice counts – and in such a stronghold it certainly should – the mainstream conservative candidate (who polled 36 per cent) could well be edged out by the socialist (28 per cent last time) bolstered by a switch of first round communist votes.

The significance of M Le Pen's manoeuvring in the 20th district lies in his delicate, frequently strained, relations with the Government of M Jacques Chirac at national level. *L'abstention positive* was his street fighting response to the statement by a senior Cabinet minister on the day of the first poll, rejecting all electoral collaboration with the National Front. M Le Pen's unsubtle reply: *ignore us at your peril when France elects a new President next May.*

As M Le Pen well knows, this is an issue on which there is already considerable disagreement within the governing coalition. In his most reasonable voice, he now asks aloud: "How can we continue to back a Government that refuses to listen to our voice?"

The Marseilles gambit is all the more crudely effective for what came before it. Barely a month ago in an equally obscure cantonal election at Tourcoing, the National Front deliberately sank the government candidate, and let in the left, in virtually identical circumstances.

On that occasion, a straight-faced spokesman explained that the party was expressing its abhorrence of the dirty campaigning against it.

Unsuprisingly, the socialists in Marseilles are not looking this new gift horse in the mouth. An array of political "stars" is heading south from Paris to pitch into the fight for the 20th canton. There is confident talk of having at least 40 per cent of the vote in the bag already, rumours of disaffected National Front supporters promising further support on the day.

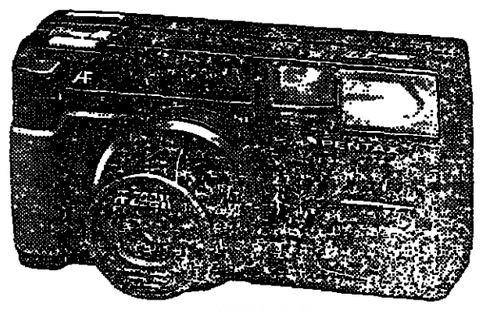
Even so, M Le Pen seems to have embarked upon a decidedly risky venture. It is clear that he hopes by this dramatic assertion of independence, of being above squalid party politicking, to regain some of the credibility lost with his notorious gaffe over the Nazi concentration camps and recent unseemly clashes within the party.

But what if the faithful out there in the party's most fertile recruiting ground ignore his message and help return the conservative? Jean-Marie Le Pen fails to deliver the abstention! It would not look good for one who seeks to embody that firmness and clarity of purpose which he accuses all other politicians of abandoning.

No wonder, then, that on Sunday all eyes will be on the few thousand electors of the 20th canton. Who knows, it may even persuade the clear majority who did not bother to vote at all first time round to do their bit at the ballot box.

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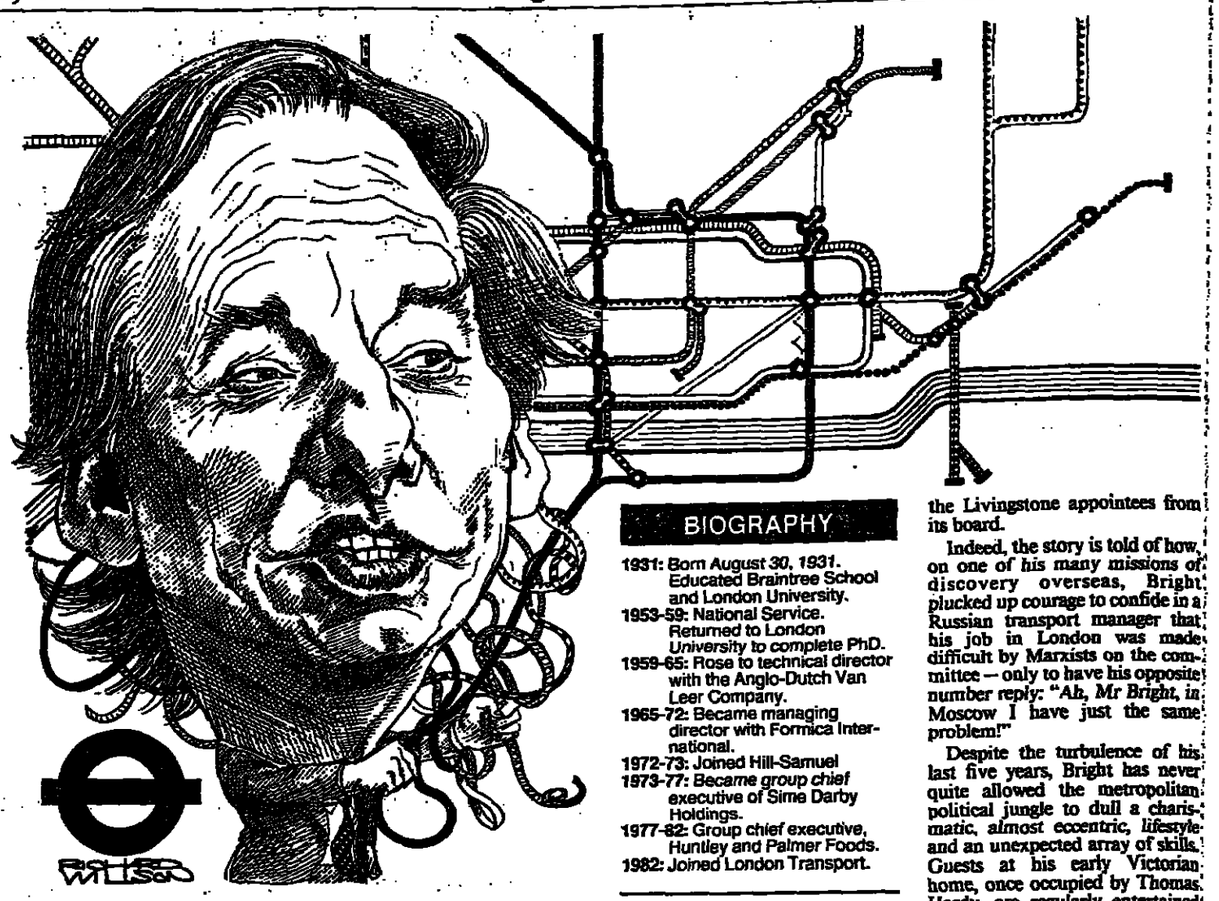
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SPECTRUM

The head of London Transport has had a stormy ride, but his reaction to the the King's Cross tragedy showed his true mettle

All in the line of duty



When Dr Keith Bright, chief executive of Huntley and Palmer Foods, successfully negotiated his group's takeover by the American Nabisco giant and then agreed to a salary drop of nearly £20,000 to become chairman of London Transport in May 1982, no one was more surprised then himself.

Under Ken Livingstone's Greater London Council the job was a political hot potato if ever there was one, and he had turned down the first two approaches of head-hunters Tyzack and Partners without a second thought. But on the third attempt – "You've taken enough out of the system, here is a chance to put something back" – he promised he would "have a look at it".

At the interview, in front of an all-party panel, he did not seem to improve his chances of selection by answering the familiar question "Why do you think you are the best person to run London's buses and trains?" with the unconventional response: "Whoever you want, it certainly isn't me". But a few days later he was offered the job because, of all the candidates, he was the only one "transparently honest" enough to admit that he might not be the right man for it.

Raymond Monbiot, then chairman of Huntley and Palmer's biscuit division, was astounded by his chief executive's decision. "I had worked for Keith for four years and it was a memorably exhilarating time," Monbiot recalls today. "He had a great vision and knew what he had to do to achieve it.

THE TIMES PROFILE

SIR KEITH BRIGHT

"When he moved to London Transport, a lot of people thought he would find it claustrophobic. And yet, each time I tried to phone him he was in Hong Kong or Mexico or somewhere looking at other people's railways. It was a challenge – and it was giving him the buzz he needed."

It still does – but only just. Now with the Dr replaced by Sir and, as chairman of London Regional Transport, freed from the surveillance of his erstwhile left-wing paymasters, he says with typical candour: "You should always do a job for a minimum of five years – and a maximum of seven. I've been here for five and I've had no regrets. Or not until last week . . ."

When the phone rang at 8.15pm on that fateful Wednesday, he was at home having dinner. Within minutes he was at his local West London tube station of Royal Oak. When he arrived at Great Portland Street he introduced himself and asked if the driver would take him on at least to Euston Square. The driver said, "I don't care if you are the chairman, this train isn't going any further." Sir Keith got out and ran the rest of the way to King's Cross.

In the mayhem of a human tragedy, and with the emergency services assuming unchallenged control, what could he hope to achieve? "Members of my staff were in there. So were lots of passengers. How could I be anywhere else? You don't know what needs to be done, what counsel might be required. Not to feel a deep sense of responsibility would be impossible. Not just a *corporate* responsibility but a very personal one."

At 56, married to *Daily Telegraph* journalist Margot Norman and with a 16-month-old daughter Octavia to add to his children of a previous marriage, Richard, 24, and Elizabeth, 22, it is this sort of commitment and refusal to pass the buck which earns him even the grudging respect of his political enemies.

Since the King's Cross disaster both Bright and Dr Tony Ridley, head of London Underground, have regularly taken it upon themselves to face reporters and television cameras and, whatever the outcome of the official inquiry, LRT's move to extend the ban on smoking, cancel tobacco advertising and promise financial compensation to bereaved families has been impressively prompt.

On the advertising ban, Sir Keith says: "It would be dishonest to stop smoking throughout our stations and still collect £300,000 a year from the manufacturers – we'll just have to get the money back another way."

"He was a nice enough bloke on a personal level," says David Wetzel, Hounslow councillor and the last chairman of the GLC's Transport Committee, "but I don't think Keith Bright had any feel for our commitment to public transport. All the time he wanted to reduce our subsidy, while we wanted to put in what money was needed to improve the service. He told us he was politically neutral and the committee felt we needed a professional to do the managing while we handled the politics at our end. Personally, I thought at the time that that was a mistake."

So, throughout the period of the GLC's "fares fair" price cuts, the High Court ruling which pronounced them illegal, the subsequent fare rises and the introduction of the price-saving, all-service travelcard ticket, chairman and committee co-existed in a state of armed neutrality which always threatened to break out into open warfare. The two sides could not always even agree on who was doing what, upon whose authority and why.

While Wetzel maintains that the (indisputably successful) travelcard system – a fixed charge for unlimited bus or Underground journeys within a fixed period – was the brainchild of a 1980 Labour manifesto and subsequently resisted by Bright's management, Sir Keith insists that he was the "midwife" who brought it to life and that he was opposed by Livingstone, who feared it would lead to unacceptable staff cuts.

"They thought London Transport was the transport section of the GLC. It was nothing of the sort. Under the 1969 Transport Act, the management's paramount duty was to do all it could to break even without sacrificing safety. Once 100,000 people were working for London Transport, then there were 65,000 and now we are down to 45,000. With new technology available to us, that figure will drop inexorably," says Sir Keith.

Relationships hit rock bottom when Livingstone carried out his threat to put left-wing loyalists on to the management board to force through GLC policy. The Government responded by taking the buses and Underground trains away from County Hall control, forming London Regional Transport in June 1984, and removing the Livingstone appointees from its board.

Indeed, the story is told of how, on one of his many missions of discovery overseas, Bright plucked up courage to confide in a Russian transport manager that his job in London was made difficult by Marxists on the committee – only to have his opposite number reply: "Ah, Mr Bright, in Moscow I have just the same problem!"

Despite the turbulence of his last five years, Bright has never quite allowed the metropolitan political jungle to dull a charismatic, almost eccentric, lifestyle and an unexpected array of skills. Guests at his early Victorian home, once occupied by Thomas Hardy, are regularly entertained by his virtuoso mastery of both piano and clarinet, but are mostly unaware that he was once an accomplished footballer and only lost interest in golf after reducing his handicap to four.

"I remember when his musical talents were much more varied than they are now," recalls a fellow chemist who has known him for 25 years. "He had a remarkable talent for getting a recognizable tune out of the most unlikely scientific apparatus. To hear his rendition of 'The Bluebells of Scotland' on a Liebig double-walled condenser was a rare delight."

William Greaves

BIOGRAPHY

1931: Born August 30, 1931. Educated Braintree School and London University.
1953-59: National Service. Returned to London University to complete PhD.
1959-65: Rose to technical director with the Anglo-Dutch Van Leer Company.
1965-72: Became managing director with Formica International.
1972-73: Joined Hill-Samuel
1973-77: Became group chief executive of Sime Darby Holdings.
1977-82: Group chief executive, Huntley and Palmer Foods.
1982: Joined London Transport.

Casting out the Rodin fake bronzes

artfile

A weekly look at the art world

Sarah Jane Checkland

At Sotheby's a month ago two experts in the Impressionist department marvelled at two identical bronze statues, both apparently by Rodin.

They were "L'Age d'Airain" – the figure of a nude youth, winsomely running one hand through his hair. But one was the real thing, and one was a fake. In Paris, at Phillips, there was a similar scene with two versions of another Rodin, "Eternal Printemps".

In the event, two of the sculptures under scrutiny were rejected, and will not appear at the auction houses' sales in London next week. But they could find unsuspecting customers elsewhere.

As an artist with admiring imitators, Rodin is not alone. Henry Moore is popular with fakers, causing his foundation many headaches; recently Giacometti's widow sued an Italian foundry for reproducing her husband's work.

Strictly, one could argue that, since they are cast from the same source as the "authentic" works – and in any case the artist has always been in the hands of the founders – these are not fakes. But ethics rule that to be genuine, the bronzes must be authorized by whoever holds copyright – whether the artist, his descendants or the museum. And the difference can mean, in Sotheby's case, an estimated value of £110,000 as opposed to a court case from whoever unsuspectingly buys a dud.

Catherine Lampert, organizer of the recent Hayward Gallery exhibition, points out: "It has always happened. Even people who worked with Rodin sometimes made illicit casts." Indeed, the master employed armies of assistants, many of whom carried on using existing models long after his death.

Culprits from the 1980s include the ingenious creators of "The Thinker" which appeared for sale in a Belgian auction house. When Rodin first adapted this figure he inserted a lead counterweight to compensate for its lack of balance. But the faker was unaware of this, and so his product had a tendency to fall over.

There are several ways of establishing the authenticity of a Rodin. Sometimes they are submitted to Georges Rudier – the son of Rodin's founder – and sometimes they can be traced back to source. Finally, a guide can be the edition number of the cast. But, as usual with Rodin, there are exceptions with this last method. "Le Baiser" (The Kiss) was produced in two editions of 60 and 105 by the Barbedienne foundry. And the Rodin Museum itself still manufactures the great man's works cast from the thousands of models in its storeroom.

For collectors the challenge of ensuring authenticity is immense. Often, as in the case of Phillips's fake, the signature has been added afterwards. Bronzes produced by the Rodin Museum's foundry prior to 1950 could present another trap. Before that date the casts were not numbered, so it is difficult to know if they are authorized or not.

Last week, at one of France's rare surviving foundries, Susse Fondeur of Paris, the craftsmen were surrounded with sculptures, some small like the Renoir's bust of his wife, some towering like the Bacchanalian figure by the contemporary artist Gerard Garouste. They laboured away, their methods unchanged since Rodin's day. At their side stood the huge cast-iron ovens in which they bake bronzes for three weeks; in their hands were blow-torches with which they temper their patinas.

One could only reflect that if it were not for places like this, there would be no bronzes, and no confusion. The only sculptures left behind would be the originals.



Posing a problem: there were two bronze statues of "L'Age d'Airain", one of them a fake

● *Next week the London auction houses will be bursting with French art. Much will have been imported with great difficulty from France – such as Degas's "Laundry Maids" at Christie's, and 60 per cent of Phillips's offering.*

It is time the French government broke its monopoly on auctioneering by allowing English houses to operate on French soil and by cutting red tape over exports.

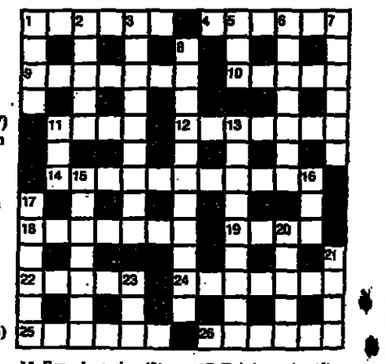
It is not enough simply to open their grand, refurbished Theatre des Champs-Elysées, announcing that after 30 years away from the international market, France is back with a vengeance. They need to loosen the reins, and allow free competition. With EEC unification planned for 1992, the monopoly of their pompously-titled Commisseurs Priseurs (official auctioneers) must come to an end.

As things stand, few collectors trust the CP's expertise. They never know whether goods will be "withdrawn" by the state during the auction, or stalled for months in Customs like the Christie's Degas.

Tomorrow

Have we seen the last of the great British lighthouse? **Libby Purves** sounds a warning note for sailors

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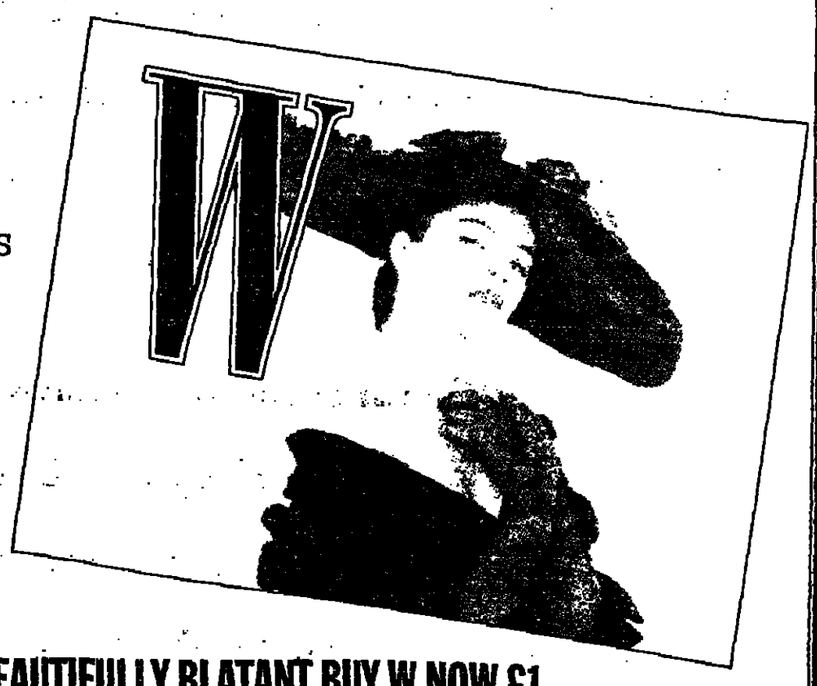
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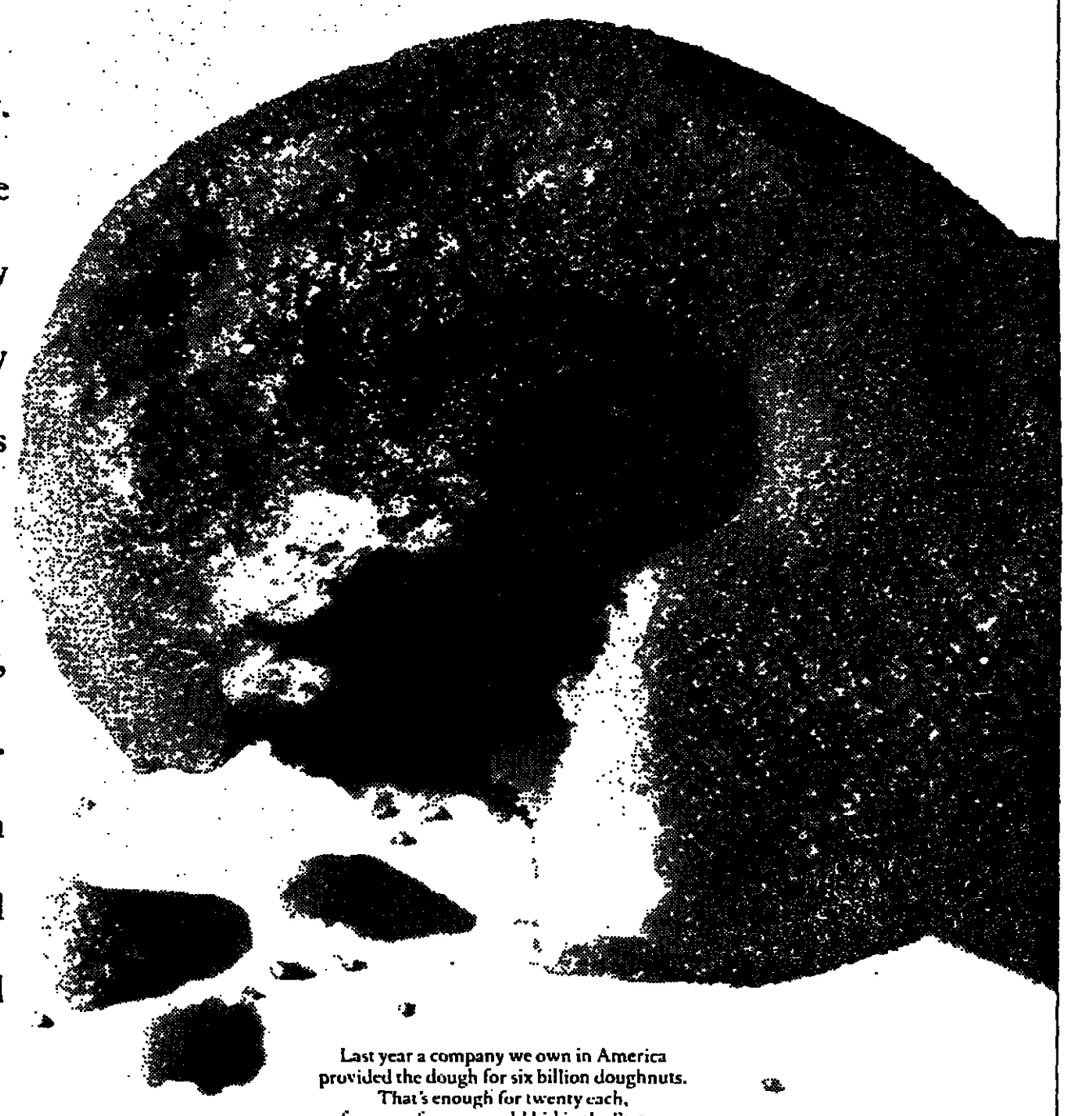


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As any mom and pop will tell you, American kids have no trouble going on about doughnuts. In their haste to talk about this most American of treats however, they may not mention one thing. The company that makes the dough-mix, DCA Inc., may be as American as apple pie. But it's owned by Allied-Lyons, a British company.

Not that many Americans are complaining. Last year they packed away 6 billion doughnuts made with our dough. In fact, if they ever carry out a survey it's likely we'd emerge as the most popular food company in the USA. Because behind the razzamataz of America's favourite fast food chain, you'll also find our name.



Last year a company we own in America provided the dough for six billion doughnuts. That's enough for twenty each, for every four-year-old kid in the States.

Baskin Robbins is an Allied-Lyons company, and last year it served ice cream to 300 million people. The fact is, in over 70 countries you'll find we have a far larger slice of the market than our competitors would like. In Holland for example, we're Hooimeijer and Brink. It's not just the names that are a mouthful.

Last year we exported millions of biscuits making us the biggest Dutch bakery exporter. Throughout the Benelux countries in fact, we're also known as Becker. We're nothing to do with our namesake, but we've hardly dropped a point in the meat snack market. We're now one of the highest selling brands in the Low Countries.

In Italy we're Sapori, and make the kind of fancy confectionery that looks like it's been tailored on the Via Veneto. It certainly appeals to the Italians. Last year we accounted for over 80% of all the Siennese confectionery sold from the tip to the toe of the country. Whilst back in Britain of course, a traditional afternoon tea hasn't been complete without a Lyons' cake since as long ago as 1894.

The success of our food business is another example of our commitment to our role as a leading international, food, drink and leisure group. Last year our food division brought in a 1.25 billion pounds. And although much of that was earned through such names as Sapori, Hooimeijer and Brink, what's behind them all is a discreet little logo that says Allied-Lyons. And that's as British as a swiss roll. **Allied-Lyons**

THE TIMES DIARY

Thin blue line-up

The Conservative Party's plans to revitalize its candidates list in Scotland may have backfired. Following the Tories' trouncing at the polls in June, the party's Edinburgh HQ decided to scrap its 130-strong list of approved candidates and start afresh. Although all 120 failed candidates were invited to apply again, it appears that most are still smarting from the treatment they have received. I hear that only 36 people have stumped up the £50 registration fee to attend the first reselection session, which takes place this weekend at a Peebles hotel. All, however, may not be lost. Former MP John Mackay, the Scottish party's new chairman, may identify some lambs eager for election slaughter among the membership of the Scottish Young Conservatives, who have chosen the same venue and weekend for their annual conference.

● Meanwhile the Scottish National Party is still gloating over the Tory collapse north of the border. In expectation of the day when there will not be enough Conservative MPs to fill the Scottish Office, they are holding a "Doomsday" dinner on Monday, St Andrew's Day. For starters: *Cream of Tory Soup (made from a rare Scottish fungus).*

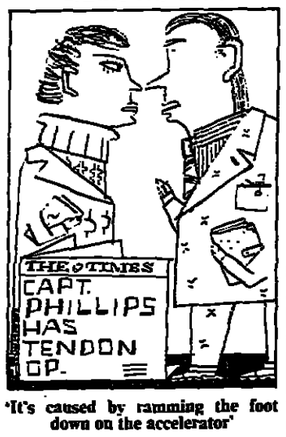
Doctors at bay

Chelsea doctors – the royal family's physicians among them – may be about to bust a blood vessel. They are furious with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea which, to alleviate the area's parking problems, is planning to paint over the special yellow parking bays outside their surgeries. From February most of the area's 100 doctors will be offered residents' parking permits instead. Some of the physicians, who have unsuccessfully petitioned to retain their spaces, say they may have to give up house calls; others express concern that their response to emergency calls will be delayed if their cars are parked miles from their surgeries. One doctor, John Henderson, tells me: "It will be a nightmare just doing our job – to an extent your car is your consulting room." I suggest he mentions the Tory borough's scheme to his most famous patient – she is, after all, the Prime Minister.

Drawing blood

The 35's Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry clearly rattled the Ruskies during the Leningrad Kirov Opera's tour of Britain this summer. *Leningradskaya Pravda* has just devoted a lengthy article to abusing the movement for its protests during the tour. Even more oddly, the paper has a bee in its bonnet about the campaign's "35" appellation, adopted because the first person for whose right to emigrate it campaigned was a 35-year-old Odessa woman. In an outburst at once ageist and sexist, the author notes: "The committee members have long ago passed the Balzacian age and at best are old enough to be the Odessa woman's auntie."

BARRY FANTONI



'It's caused by ramming the foot down on the accelerator'

Biden his time

Gordon Brown, winner of *The Spectator*'s "politician to watch" award yesterday, was modesty itself when accepting the bauble. The Labour treasury spokesman noted that in similar awards in America four years ago, Joe Biden was politician to watch. Two years ago it was Gary Hart. "The press watched, and watched and watched," said Brown.

Exit exes

MPs are beginning to wonder what has become of this year's official return of parliamentary election expenses. In 1983, this magnificently boring document appeared in the first week of December, but this year, because of staff shortages, the Home Office admits the compilation is way behind schedule. The document is of particular interest to MPs who find themselves in the same pickle as Austin Mitchell in 1983. The Labour member for Grimsby over-spent his statutory limit and had to apply to the courts for relief when his SDP opponent claimed he had not declared some "I Love Austin" badges. In the worst case, an election can be invalidated by gross overspending.

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The great health collision

by Digby Anderson

The crisis in the nationalized health service is far better illustrated by the plight of poor David Barber than by any number of official reports and statistics. The six-week-old was denied an operation five times because the service could not deliver, in the final instance because of lack of suitably trained nurses and other emergency cases ahead in the queue. The ingredients are all there: scientific and medical progress making available a host of new treatments, rising public expectations that the treatments are a "right", and cost of treatment rising faster than the general rate of inflation. It is a collision course. The response of the two principal political parties is a further ingredient.

Predictably, Labour wanted lots more "resources". Edwina Currie, the health minister, spoke of the need to increase efficiency. She also endorsed the inevitable consequence of the collision – that between them doctors and politician-bureaucrats should decide who is accorded treatment. She did not give the consequence its true title. We are now seeing the acknowledged *rationing* of health care. Unless something is done soon, there will be much more.

It is against this background that yesterday's White Paper on the primary health care services should be read. The problems it exposes are genuine and largely acknowledged. Who would dispute the desirability of "raising standards of health care" or improving value for money? And in 1987, making services more responsive to the consumer and giving patients more choice of who should be their GP are no longer contentious. The means are another matter. Raising standards of care turns out to mean raising standards of the care that the politicians and bureaucrats decide the patient and taxpayer needs. It is they, again, who decide the priorities, who do the rationing. Of course such decisions are made after "a full public debate". Ministers "took evidence from 370 witnesses representing 73 organizations. Over 2,200 written comments were received."

It is certainly true, as the report suggests, that the quality and effort of GPs vary enormously. But, again, this is to be corrected by the politicians and bureaucrats deciding what constitutes a good doctor and giving slightly increased incentive payments for him to do the things they want. Some of these things are uncontentious: they rightly stress availability. But the overall question of what suits the varied needs of the 750,000 who visit the GP each day is not reflected in these broad objectives. True, the customer is to be given a little more information about the rival merits of GPs but not to the extent that it might inconvenience the GPs, or that trade union, the British Medical Association, that Thatcherism has yet to put in its place. No advertising yet. And no power for the consumer to influence the GP through his purse, just slightly easier ways to change GP and a continued deviation of consumer rights to committees.

True radicalism would involve facing up to the central problems that health services need a lot more money and it cannot all come from raised taxation, that we need an innovating health system with true competition, and that "inefficiency" cannot improve unless true costs and preferences are revealed by a market.

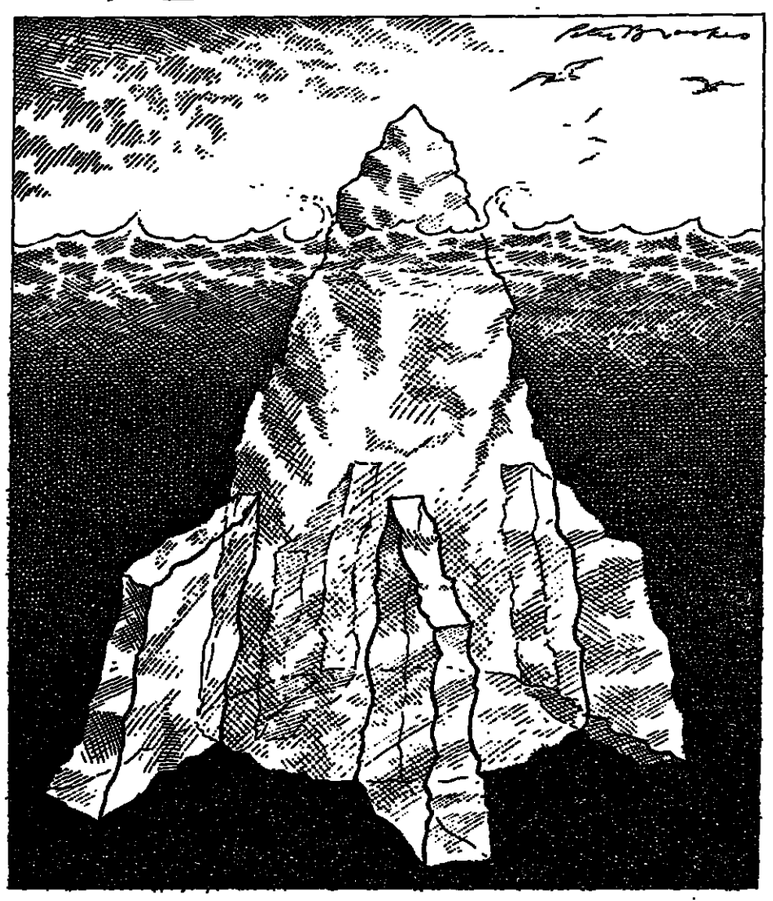
True radicalism would not restrict its use of charging to outside the GP service – as this report does. It would consider whether innovation, efficiency and consumer satisfaction might not be better served by returning to each family of four who wishes it, the £560 it has contributed in taxation to the nationalized system – that sum does not include services such as geriatric care: it does include £100 for general practice – and letting them spend it on private care. All the evidence shows that many families are willing to add to such a sum and spend more, provided they know it is going to the family's health care, not the general tax coffers.

The White Paper, though restricted to primary health care, would indicate that in spite of the apparent differences Labour and the government will parade in the wake of the report, there is no substantial difference between their policies. Both are committed to a tired state managerialism which seeks to ignore the approaching collision and crisis and stave off the day with miserly increases in "investment", bureaucratic shuffling and market simulation. Whatever the merits of this approach in the past, it does not face up to today's realities of high expectations of health care and lagging "resources". Perhaps worse, the continued political control of health in such collision circumstances inevitably leads to the squalid spectacle of politicians squabbling over what should be, in both senses of the word, the private matter of a baby's health.

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Michael Howard on an historic arms control agreement that will need even more determination in its implementation than its negotiation

One small, perilous step



The agreement announced yesterday by Eduard Shevardnadze and George Shultz truly does deserve the adjective "historic". All being well, next month Mikhail Gorbachov and President Reagan will sign a treaty that will not only reduce but eliminate an entire category of weapons from their arsenals: a decision for which there is no obvious precedent in the entire history of arms control.

Clearly the credit must go in the first place to Reagan and Gorbachov. No agreement could have been reached on a matter so complex in its detail and so far reaching in its implications without sustained political pressure from the top. Without a firm political will to succeed the negotiations might have been wrecked at almost any stage along the line.

But this agreement has been negotiated from the beginning by tough professionals, unlike the disastrous encounter at Reykjavik, where Reagan blithely agreed to negotiate on Soviet proposals which had not even been seen by his advisers. The guiding spirit on the American side has been the immensely experienced Paul Nitze. Only someone with his impeccably hawkish reputation could have overborne the protests of the Pentagon and persuaded the president that he could crown his career by such a treaty without putting the safety of the West seriously at risk.

Not everyone will agree that he will in fact be able to do so: certainly not everyone in Europe. Only the very naïve would assume that the reduction of armaments is in itself a good thing; that the lower the level of armaments the nearer one automatically comes to "peace". The object of arms control agreements is to ensure international stability at the lowest feasible levels of armaments, and reductions which do not maintain or enhance such stability do more harm than good, however much money they may save.

It is not clear to everyone in western Europe that this agreement to abolish both intermediate and shorter range nuclear forces will in fact enhance stability. In the eyes of these critics, the object of installing US cruise and Pershing 2 missiles on European soil was not, as publicly alleged, to provide a counter to the Soviet SS20s, but to replace an obsolescent rung in the existing "ladder of deterrents": US nuclear-armed manned aircraft no longer capable of penetrating the defences of the Soviet Union. Without such a capacity, the critics argue, the American "nuclear guarantee" to Western Europe will no longer be seen to be effective, the United States will be "de-coupled" from its European allies, and Nato security will be seriously at risk.

But unlike the Reykjavik fiasco, where their very existence was ignored, the allied governments in these negotiations have been consulted at every step, and the deal appears to them to be reasonable. The SS20s which seemed to pose so dire a threat to the whole military structure of Nato will go, as will their more numerous but no less alarming little brothers, the SS23s and 24s. The West yields, numerically, a far smaller arsenal, yet retains a capacity to strike at Russia with its improved manned aircraft and sea-based forces.

In terms of "existential deterrence" this would appear enough to deter the Soviet Union from any rash adventurism, while the withdrawal of the Pershing 2s (which posed to the Soviet Union much the same threat as the Soviet missiles would have posed to the US had they been installed in Cuba 25 years ago) removes for the Soviet Union a serious temptation to pre-empt. In spite of fears of "de-coupling", stability in Europe has been preserved and may even have been enhanced.

The critics have a second string to their bow. Even though this agreement may not in itself be destabilizing, they argue, it will lead on to others which will secure the Russian objective of "de-nuclearizing" Europe, thus leaving it at the mercy of superior Soviet conventional forces. This line of argument was described long ago by Francis Cornford as the Principle of the Wedge: one should not do something sensible now for fear that one might do something stupid next time.

The conclusion of this agreement will certainly make it necessary to ensure that the overall structure of nuclear deterrence remains intact, but it need not and should not erode our will and capacity to do so. The danger indeed is the opposite: both sides may seek alternative means of achieving the objectives for which they introduced their INFs, thereby creating new instabilities and increasing their arsenals overall; each meanwhile accusing the other of "violating the spirit of the agreement".

This danger is a very real one. The agreement may not relax tension, but actually increase it. The treaty has been hurriedly drafted under pressure. It would be astonishing if it contained no ambiguities, obscurities or omissions. As has been the case in the past, the Russians will probably exploit these for all they are worth, while remaining within the letter of the law as they understand it. In the US a cottage industry will grow up to discover and present to Congress every scrap of evidence that the Russians are cheating; an industry which will find eager customers.

The negotiation of the treaty was difficult enough. It was made possible not only by the political imperatives from above but by the camaraderie which developed among the negotiators. Its implementation, a complex process of dismantling and inspection and certification, will be rife with opportunities for friction and misunderstanding. It will require a continuation by the leadership on both sides of an equal determination to drive it through.

Camaraderie among the wider circles responsible for implementing the agreement will be slower to develop than it was across the conference table. We may in short be at the beginning, not of a new era of international understanding, but of a very rough ride indeed. We would thus be wrong either to expect or to fear that an INF treaty will automatically lead on to wider agreements, and we would be foolish to press for them – certainly in the nuclear field – until we see how this one works.

In fact it provides an excellent test case for the procedures which will be needed if East and West are to proceed with further substantial arms control measures. Techniques of inspection and verification can be tested in a field which is not vital to the security of either superpower. When these are perfected – if they are perfected – they can be extended to deal with more formidable problems. Mutual suspicions may slowly be allayed and co-operation gradually become more wholehearted. On the other hand they may not. It will at best be a long, difficult and discouraging business; but at last, after 40 years of mutual recrimination, a start has been made.

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How three names joined the child abuse roll

There are now some 30,000 names on the child abuse registers of England and Wales. Five thousand new names are added each year. It is claimed that greater public and professional awareness has brought more cases to light. But what these apparently horrifying statistics do not reveal is the nature of the abuse.

Consider the following situation, which resulted in three more names being added to the statistics, despite the fact that, as far as anyone could tell, two of the children concerned had never been "abused" in their lives, while the third, an older sister, had been hit by their father in a fit of anger on a single, and probably never to be repeated, occasion.

The case had been brought to the attention of the police by a vigilant member of the public who had spotted two red weals across the child's thigh. The girl, a politely confident eight-year-old, said that her father had hit her for being naughty. She was examined by a police surgeon who considered that her injuries had been caused by a belt. Later the child's parents were brought to the station and the father confronted with his crime. The man was beside himself with remorse, often on the brink of tears. He admitted having beaten his daughter with a belt after losing his temper with her disobedience. Both his wife and child confirmed that he had never hit her before and, to judge from his response, it seemed unlikely that he would do so again.

Such incidents, rightly or wrongly, take place in thousands of homes and are quickly over. When they are brought to the attention of the authorities, however, they take on a momentum of their own. In this case, a conference was called by the social services department, attended by those with some knowledge of the family – teachers and health visitors – as well as those with none: a child abuse specialist and social workers. Apart from that incident, nobody had anything damaging to say about the family.

The question then arose of whether to enter the girl's name on the child abuse register. The specialist felt strongly that it should be; after all, the child had been non-accidentally injured. Some of those present, including the police, demurred. "Perhaps she deserved it," ventured one of them. The conference chairman, however, sided with the specialist and the girl was given the official status of an abused child.

The specialist then reminded the conference that there were other young children in the family. According to the child abuse guidelines, their names should also be registered. Once again the chairman's support was forthcoming and they too became official statistics.

The consequence of these decisions will be far-reaching. The family will have to tolerate regular visits from a social worker; the children will bear a local government "at risk" warning, available to schools, doctors and sundry other authorities; regular case conferences will be held; and the child abuse statistics will be increased by three. In every social services department there are likely to be dozens of cases similar to this one.

Unfortunately, the pressure exerted by a sensationalist popular press hungry for scapegoats when a tragedy occurs, plus, it must be said, past and occasionally fatal errors by social workers, inevitably means that more and more of such cases will find their way into official child abuse statistics.

Some argue that the protection of children demands the widest possible application of the child abuse label. But when the term can be applied equally to the physical chastisement of a disobedient child and to the brutal battering of a Jasmine Beckford or a Maria Colwell, its meaning becomes impoverished. The consequence is likely to be less vigilance towards genuine abuse and greater public cynicism to those with responsibility for protecting children.

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Public sector pusillanimity

The government's Achilles' heel is its lack of a public sector policy. It is rightly determined to remove from the public sector what ought not to be there and to privatize undertakings that cannot be subjected adequately to commercial criteria while they have the public purse to draw on. But it has no comparable clarity of mind about the treatment of what remains within the public sector.

Two events have reinforced this opinion in the past week. The first is the appalling tragedy on the London Underground; the second the case of the parents who have felt obliged in desperation to go to law to try to force the health service to provide an operation for their desperately ill baby.

I am not apportioning blame in either case and am certainly not prejudging the cause of the Underground fire. Nor, given the prevailing muddled attitudes towards public sector commitments, for which there is a shared responsibility across politics, am I suggesting that the government should have been more lavish with total public spending than it has been, or that London Regional Transport and the Underground could have avoided economies.

Yet reason suggests that whatever is the explanation of the fire an insufficiency of staff has something to do with the extent of the loss of life and injury. If more staff had been available for patrolling and inspection, the fire might never have occurred or, assuming it did, might well have been seen and dealt with in time. If more staff had been properly equipped to guide and marshall passengers in an emergency the loss of life and the injuries might have been less.

The government, given the huge total call on public money, has to require LRT to reduce its requirement for state subsidy, which at present accounts for about 29 per cent of LRT's revenue and about 16 per cent of London Underground's. LRT has to work within its government-approved budget, which has meant savings by staff cuts. By reducing its call on the government to support its revenue LRT has been enabled to have more for capital expenditure. Yet although it is right to mechanize for some purposes there are other functions which can only be performed by human beings.

The government has performed with political courage its national duty of fighting inflation and forcing the nation towards balancing its books. But it has never tackled rationally the inordinate demands of the public sector for money. It fears to make enemies by abolishing outright some of its commitments or by grafting new charges on some of important services. Instead it makes enemies by enforcing general economies, some of which diminish standards in the services that matter. As a result, the universities revile Mrs Thatcher, schools blame her for lack of books and shoddy facilities, and hospitals hold her responsible for shut wards and inadequate services.

As for the London Underground, its service is often appalling: with long time-wasting delays for commuters on some lines; trains too packed to be boarded; stations and trains without visible staff so that passengers feel vulnerable; compartments made filthy by louts who discard rubbish and put their feet on seats with nobody of authority to tell them not to. Though the management is slowly modernizing its stations, the Underground is the victim of contorted political attitudes towards public services.

Labour loves the public sector as much as it hates the private. But it cares more about maximizing the number of the state's financial commitments than about the standards of the important public services, and Labour's inflationary policies are in the long run damaging to them. The Tories, fearful of making choices, are driven to spread economies all round, punishing the good with the comparatively useless.

Thus the available resources are spread too thinly and important services damaged. The Conservatives should face this fact and accept that so long as we have an overwhelmingly state hospital system, state transport system and state schools, they must be financed properly, however it is done.

After saving what it can by weeding through the client quangos and grant-aided bodies which consume departmental money, the government should establish more sensible priorities for its social spending, giving more to those in genuine and unavoidable need (those for instance looking after handicapped members of their families) and less to those who consume the state's resources irresponsibly.

The government should establish its priority services and maintain them properly. If, after all the other economies, it is still not financially possible to operate a health system which is not forced to close wards; or an Underground system as good as Vienna's or schools as good as Germany's, it should think of where new charges can be grafted on to the system to make this possible, preferably, so far as the health service is concerned, linked with some kind of extra insurance cover.

Public services that are of low quality because of the government's fear of causing offence by charges or affronting vested interests will harm the Tories politically. As the boom which has sustained them diminishes, the electorate may well turn its mind more to the shortcomings of the important public services and look more favourably at a Labour Party camouflaging its extremism. But the reason the government needs public sector priorities is not political expediency, but public interest.

Basil Boothroyd

On surviving a Swedish siesta

I imagine the Swedes in their native land don't go in much for siestas. At any rate, the Swedish family under my flat window for the past fortnight, in a southern Spain still nudging the 80s of an early November afternoon, are either ignorant or disregardful of the local custom.

They comprise Ma-ma, Da-da, and two tiny girls, An-na and E-mi-lee, as they are called. Called is the word. They are called all the time: "An-na, Anna!" "E-mi-lee!" If they are not called, they are calling "Ma-ma!" "Da-da!" in tones of tiny discontent. Mainly they require the settlement of disputes. I put their ages at two-and-a-half and four. One of them is always annexing the other's plastic duck, or pouring water on her foot from a tiny blue trowel.

I understand why they need, or at any rate want, plastic ducks in the baby pool under my flat window, but trowels and little pink shovels are a mystery; also model buses, tractors, railway locomotives and such other sinkables as sodden dollies and waterlogged biscuit tins. What looks like quite a good silver coffee pot often joins the selection, and is particularly useful for banging with a bell-like note on the stone surround of the pool. Banging plastic ducks together, or even buckets, produces a pleasant monotonous thudding, but metal on stone leaves it nowhere for wrecking a siesta.

These articles are periodically collected in a small inflatable boat of garish decor by An-na. E-mi-lee then throws them out backwards over her tiny tanned shoulder on to the shore, often scoring hits on Ma-ma or Da-da, who retain a Nordic composure. Recently a new toy has appeared. This is the small metal circular cover for some kind of inspection hatch at the side of the pool. Though it fits very flush, energetic little fingers can prise it up and throw it about. Unless it goes in the water, when Da-da has to leave his sunbed, fish it out and restore it for further play, it falls with an attractive gong-like note on the pool surround. Or it can land on its edge and roll on to the adjacent flagstones, only settling flat after prolonged musical convulsions.

Since the Swedish party always delays its arrival until I have retired for my quiet hour, you may well ask how I know these things. I know them because I leave my sleepless pillow to twitch my sunblind aside and look. I do this when the shrieking begins.

I have not mentioned the shrieking. There are too many things to get in. I have not, for example, mentioned the fine effect obtained by bringing the coffee pot and the inspection cover together. But it is the shrieks that murder sleep. These are mainly emitted by An-na. They come in an unpredictable series of eight, 10, or 12. They are very, very high. E-mi-lee often joins in, but her pipes are too long to achieve the true supercoloratura. These ear-splitters gain their main nuisance value from their inconsistency. Is it to be eight this time? Ten? Twelve?

I lie clenched on my bed.

My eyes wide open behind their lids, I plan a selection of remarks to make to Ma-ma and Da-da when I finally confront them. Nothing too ironic. Many Scandinavians are no strangers to English, but such a line as, "Your children have given me so much pleasure with their cheery noises," might well be received with gratification. Something blunter? "Do you realize that your kids have given me absolute bloody hell every afternoon for a fortnight, sounding as if they were impaled on kebab skewers and it would suit me very well if they were?"

Not really.

I had a milder plan yesterday. Just to take a chair down, plonk it by the pool, and stare at them. Ah, but I should feel an idiot after 20 minutes, folding the chair and slinking back up.

Today the shrieking ended early. Just too early for me. It had been bad. The coffee pot and hatch cover had been cacophonous. I went down. They were all just going. An-na and E-mil-ee were done up in tiny monks' jogging suits with cowls. Da-da, dragging the rubber boat full of ducks, buses and trowels, nearly collided with me and said: "Excuse. Today we flying."

"Was beautiful here, no?" said Ma-ma.

It was too late to say anything much, even though I had so much ready. Besides, I myself flying tomorrow. Get a bit of shut-eye in the afternoon.

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WASHINGTON AGREEMENT

The agreement reached between the United States and the Soviet Union to eliminate all intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF), reflects some improvement in their relationship. As a symbol of hope for further improved relations the treaty, which seems almost certain to be signed at next month's summit, must be welcomed.

The improvement has been very recent however. The climate could cool just as quickly. The Americans have a presidential election next year, which not only imposes special pressure on the present incumbent at the White House, but raises questions about his successor. While Mr Gorbachov's position is very different, recent events have suggested that his writ too does not go unchallenged in the Kremlin. His order of priorities for Soviet spending, his perception of the world and Russian interests, are not immutable. It follows that the INF treaty, for all the current wave of jubilation, has to be assessed by tougher criteria than that of a mere symbol of hope.

The destruction of 350 American and 1,500 Soviet warheads during the first three years after ratification, should reduce their total nuclear stockpiles by no more than between four and six per cent. Each nation will be left with an impressive ability to destroy the other many times over. In Europe however the impact will be harder. It was in Western Europe that the need for INF was first perceived – and it is there that the agreement has raised most serious doubts. Despite this week's show of allied solidarity, such misgivings remain strong – and with good reason.

The "twin-track" decision by Nato in 1979, which led to the first deployment of cruise and Pershing-2 missiles four years later, was inspired by at least three considerations – only one of which has now been satisfied. This one achievement has been to counter (in fact to remove) the threat to Western Europe of the Soviet SS-20 missile – a three-headed weapon with a range of 3,000 miles, which was then being deployed in growing numbers.

Another motive, however, was the need to modernize Nato's nuclear forces, by providing a link between battlefield nuclear weapons and strategic missiles with intercontinental ranges. Nato's strategy of flexible response has always looked vulnerable – partly because of an inferiority in conventional forces and partly because of this gap in the chain of reactions to any threat. It was this issue which made General Bernard Rogers, Nato's Supreme Allied Commander in Europe (until his removal last year) such an implacable critic of the INF agreement. Related to this was Nato's third consideration, which has been the need to strengthen the coupling between the United States and Europe. Would the Americans, in an age of nuclear parity, risk using their own strategic missiles to defend Europe – thereby inviting terrible retaliation against its own territory? The INF missiles in Europe, by supplying a stronger link in the chain of responses, strengthened this coupling between the two halves of Nato and reassured governments in the Old World.

If these governments now look a little uneasy about the removal of this coupling (so soon after it was installed) they have only themselves to blame – for so enthusiastically backing the zero-option when President Reagan proposed it in late 1981. Like most Americans they never seriously thought that it would happen – but can hardly complain to Washington now that it has.

All this leads one to the conclusion which *The Times* has consistently reached – that the objective of the Geneva talks should have been reduction not elimination. The rather arbitrary figure of 100 INF warheads on each side has always seemed a more satisfactory solution, given that arms control is not an end in itself but a means to an end – this being the maintenance and improvement of security. However distasteful the concept might seem, the power blocs are safer with nuclear missiles than without them – and this applies to INF as much as any other weapon category. As speculation grows over a strategic arms reduction (START) agreement in the New Year, such concerns are likely to burgeon rather than diminish.

In a technical sense the treaty is truly historic, particularly in its provisions for verification. The combination of the human factor – teams of inspectors descending on missile sites and factories – with the permanent use of satellites and on-site cameras, goes farther than ever before towards allaying mutual suspicion of cheating.

It can never entirely do so. The nature of the countries is too different. And the provisions suggest a number of areas in which claims and counter-claims of non-compliance, might ricochet between Moscow and Washington in less friendly times. Arms control treaties cannot guarantee good will – and indeed, if badly drafted, can cause more problems than they solve. Any treaty of any kind depends in the end upon continuing mutual trust between the signatories. This is no exception.

FIRST PRINCIPLES FOR HEALTH

Primary Health Care, the subject of a fat White Paper presented to Parliament yesterday, is a bland piece of jargon which refers to the health services which most of us use. A recently published Dictionary of Jargon defines PHC as follows: *noun, [Social work] the role of the general practitioner, and those nurses, health visitors and other ancillaries who work with him/her in containing and treating illnesses that are found in the surgery.*

For government purposes it also includes opticians and dentists, the proposed extension of whose charges produced the most political noise yesterday. But the nub of the issue is the future of general practice – and the above definition usefully highlights the problem which needs to be tackled.

First there is the notion that primary health care lies in the field of social work. General practitioners themselves sometimes like to foster this view. They speak of surgeries crowded with society's emotional wreckage, of patients wanting nothing more than a valium and a shoulder to cry on. It suits them to say this because it makes the rest of society feel guilty and distracts its attention from some uncomfortable facts. Yesterday's White Paper, a marked improvement on recent statements in this area, draws clear attention to some of these less attractive aspects of a health service which is still allegedly an obect of "envy" to the world.

It notes the clear rise in public spending on primary health care in recent years and the very unclear benefits (if any) that have resulted. It points to the unacceptable numbers of single-handed, elderly doctors in areas of greatest medical need, to the poor premises in which many GPs work, to the difficulties of complaining about a GP and of changing him or her as a result.

It accepts that it is unnecessarily difficult to find which GP is best qualified to deal with a special problem, even to establish whether a routine service is routinely available or not. Not for the first time, we are told that something must be done.

The White Paper is keen to remind us that *"containing and treating illnesses that are found in the surgery"* is not enough. Prevention of disease and the promotion of health are necessary too. This must be right. The National Health Service, financed out of taxation and free on demand, was meant to make the nation healthier. It was also meant, it may be recalled, to make it wealthier since less money would be required to cure illnesses as they gradually all became cured.

But that meant discouraging people from becoming ill in the first place. That meant work which did not come naturally to GPs in 1948 – and which is still a foreign concept to many GPs today. The combination of unexpectedly large (some would say, infinite) demands for a free service, with the preference for curing diseases over preventing them, left a web of problems for successive governments. Like many such problems it has fallen to the reformers of the 1980s to try to put it right.

The newly appointed Social Services Secretary, Mr John Moore, has been grappling with this legacy since the election. The resulting proposals strongly bear his mark. More than any other member of the Cabinet, he holds to the principle of regulated competition as the best way of delivering public goods from the private sector. It will not be easy to negotiate the correct combination of liberation and regulation so as to ensure that Britain's 30,000 independent GPs deliver the right public services at the right public cost. But the approach is the right one.

He proposes a stricter contract between doctor and Department. He wants agreed targets for higher levels of vaccination, immunization and cancer screening. He wants more health promotion. He wants compulsory retirement at 70. He thinks that surgeries should be places where minor surgery is actually carried out, not just places where introductions are automatically written to the expensive local hospital.

At the same time he wants doctors to have a less strict relationship with each other. He wants them to compete for customers. He wants them to promote their skills by information and advertising. He proposes to link more of their income to the number of patients they can attract to their lists.

At first sight this may seem paradoxical – and is likely to be presented as such by its opponents. Yet the Government ought to be able to reply that it is only by reasonable negotiations with the profession on these lines that a service, such as primary health care, can be improved. The current position is one of theoretical independence without practical competition and of financial dependence without the paymaster daring to call the tune.

Change is needed. The negotiations ahead are likely to be hard. The general practitioners themselves, many of whom already work by the ideals which the White Paper puts forward, should ensure that those who negotiate for them also work by those ideals.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Misgivings over European union

From Mr Leolin Price, QC

Sir, In a series of important articles (November 16-20) you have drawn attention to the "progress" being made towards unification in the European Community and to the implications of the Single European Act.

Quite apart from the Act's widening of the application of majority voting in the Council, any reluctance on our part to conform with majority wishes or threatened reliance on our veto under the Luxembourg compromise will be subjected to powerful, probably irresistible, criticism based on our acceptance of (a) the preamble to the Single European Act which affirms our will "to transform relations as a whole among the member states into a *European union*" and (b) Article 1, which declares as our objective the making of "concrete progress towards *European unity*".

These tremendous changes which the Act makes in our constitutional arrangements have not been fully understood by our people or by many of our politicians. Your leading article today (November 20) recognises this. I do not think there has been any informed national consent to what has happened, and is happening, in the transformation of the Community into a political and constitutional union. That transformation does not command my enthusiasm or support.

The economic advantages which at one time were promised to us as the justification for our adherence to the Community have not accrued. We have been weakened, and in the world discredited, by the grotesque inefficiency and protectionism of the Community, which creates extravagant mountains of subsidised food which are then sold, often to our political opponents, at prices which undercut and depress other producing countries who are our traditional friends.

Yours truly,
LEOLIN PRICE,
10 Old Square,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
November 20.

Sexual morality

From the Bishop of St Albans

Sir, Your correspondents, Mr Hugh Craig and others (November 16), censured the bishops for failing to vote in the General Synod on a motion urging them to take disciplinary action in cases of sexual immorality among the clergy. Did they really expect us to vote to do what we are already under obligation to do, both by our consecration charge and by the canons of the Church?

Many of the bishops felt that the amendment put forward by Mr Holloway (report, November 12) was an impertinence, implying that we were failing in our proper episcopal duties. To have voted for the motion would have confirmed this and we had no alternative but to abstain.

Let me assure Mr Craig and his colleagues that the bishops have no doubt about their obligations and will continue, in the words of the Ordinal, "to be merciful but with firmness, and to minister discipline, but with mercy".

Yours faithfully,
†JOHN St. ALBANS,
Abbey Gate House,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
November 18.

Changes on the Nile

From Dr Gordon Dickinson and Dr John Briggs

Sir, Mr Terry Evans (November 14) has explained the balance between causal factors relating to changes in the hydrology of the Nile basin and the consequences for Egypt, given its rapidly growing population. Increasing food supply within Egypt is now the most serious and urgent problem facing that country.

A further approach to this problem is to utilise the increased ground-water resources which have resulted from lateral subsurface movements from Lake Nasser.

Although the level of the lake has fallen significantly since 1978, in some of the flat-floored wadis running down to the lake shores supplies of ground water remain close to the surface. Furthermore, the previously higher lake levels flooded the courses of these wadis, leaving behind lacustrine deposits which can form fertile soils, given irrigation.

An interdisciplinary team from the Faculty of Science, Glasgow University, is currently working with Egyptian scientists from the Aswan campus of Asyut University on the evaluation of the resource base for irrigated agriculture in Wadi Allaqi on the east side of Lake Nasser.

The indications are that, given appropriate simple technology, effective use can be made of ground-water resources, thereby extending agriculture into this previously uncultivated area and, in so doing, attract Nubian settlers from the population displaced from the banks of the Nile above the first cataract by the creation of Lake Nasser.

Yours faithfully,
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Glasgow G12 8QQ.

Hospital's loss

From Mr Brunsdon Yapp

Sir, You reported on November 17 that the period of copyright on J. M. Barrie's *Peter Pan* will shortly end, with a resulting fall in income of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, to which he bequeathed it.

I seem to remember having read that a perpetual copyright in Clarendon's *History of the Rebellion* was conferred by Parliament on the University of Oxford, to whom it still belongs. Could not the Cabinet agree to bring in a short Bill to confer a similar copyright of *Peter Pan* on trustees for the benefit of the hospital?

Rather than the Secretary of State for Social Services, who might be accused of trying to save money for his vote, perhaps the Secretary of State for Education and Science, who is concerned with the young, would be the appropriate person to initiate this. I am sure that (unlike most of his measures) no one on either side of either House would oppose it, so that it could be passed through Parliament as quickly as may be necessary.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
BRUNSDON YAPP,
6 Croft Lodge,
Barton Road, Cambridge.
November 19.

Plight of homeless

From the Chairman of Medmenham Parish Council

Sir, The Reverend John Ellis (November 17) finds it difficult to take seriously the shortage of accommodation because six houses in his street have been vacant for up to three years. In this small parish 80 houses have been empty for over 10 years. They belong to the Ministry of Defence (Air) which produces various excuses when challenged.

On the same housing estate there are Ministry of Defence police houses administered by the Army: a deserted wife of a senior MoD police officer was recently subjected to eviction proceedings at a time when four houses in her street were empty.

Shortly before last Christmas, the deserted wife of a member of the Royal Air Force suffered the same indignity at a time when several Air Force married quarters were empty.

Some of the housing shortage about which we hear so much may perhaps be an artificial creation of bureaucracy and the rent Acts.

Yours faithfully,
M. E. MARTIN (Chairman, Medmenham Parish Council),
Cobble Wood, Medmenham,
Near Marlow, Buckinghamshire.
November 18.

Copyright Bill

From Mr Stephen Williams

Sir, The new Copyright Designs and Patents Bill seeks to introduce the right of an author to be identified as well as the right not to have his or her work subjected to unjustified modification.

Few people, it seems, have considered how the world of newspaper, magazine and other periodical publishing will be affected. Waivers for each individual submission of copy, in order to avoid a line of credits rivalling that required for the film and television industries, will not be possible, given the tight copy deadlines involved. Similarly, who can be certain that in all cases the end result of the editorial process will satisfy each contributor in the time available?

Publishers of encyclopaedias, dictionaries and other works of a composite nature will also find this unworkable. Lists of contributors could run into hundreds, and when so many individual contributions need to be moulded into one consistent view, style and presentation, whose integrity, but the publishers, is it anyway?

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN WILLIAMS,
2 Cross Maltings,
Hadleigh,
Suffolk.
November 19.

Gallery's future

From Lord Briggs and others

Sir, We are deeply concerned about the future of the William Morris Gallery at Walthamstow, which contains collections of national importance relating to William Morris and his circle and to the Century Guild.

The department administering the gallery has recommended to the Waltham Forest Council, as one of a number of financial economies, that the professional staff should be reduced from three to one. This would achieve a saving of less than £19,000 a year, but would prevent the gallery from operating efficiently. The number of visitors to the gallery has increased and is increasing; the wrong decision now would weaken its ability to provide a basis for a number of imaginative proposals for supplementing its income from external sources. To secure the long-term future, a coalition of interests may well be required.

We understand that the full council are to consider the gallery's future on November 26 and we hope that they will be able to dispel public anxiety by rejecting the recommendation.

Yours faithfully,
BRIGGS,
JOHN BRANDON-JONES,
GRAFTON,
ROSALIE MANDER,
The Caprons,
Lewes, Sussex.
November 23.

Presidential actions

From Ms Vanessa Edwards

Sir, Your leader, "The law of presidents" (November 19), admits that "it is possible that an illegality [in the funding of the Contras] was committed", but strongly suggests that even if there was such an illegality it was technical and unimportant, flowing solely from the rulings of a mistaken Congress and the letter of an ambiguous constitution.

Your assumption that only US domestic law is involved is incorrect, and it is surprising that the analogy you draw with international events during World War II did not lead you to take a wider view of the legality of the funding.

It was with an express view "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind" that in 1945 the 51 founding members of the United Nations, including the US and Nicaragua, signed the UN Charter, thereby establishing the UN and its "principal judicial organ", the International Court of Justice (ICJ). The Charter contained an undertaking by every member to comply with the court's decision in any case to which it was a party.

On June 27, 1986, the court ruled that the US by (*inter alia*) "training, arming, equipping, financing and supplying the Contra forces" had acted in breach of international law, and that it was under a duty "immediately to cease and to refrain from" such breach.

The US has ignored the judgment. The only other states to have violated a judgment of the ICJ or of its predecessor, the Permanent Court of International Justice established in 1921, are Iran and Albania.

That the most powerful country in the world has acted in disregard of international law and in breach of its commitment under the UN Charter is indubitably an "illegality", and one of far greater significance than is suggested by press reports focusing on an ageing actor's fading memory and where Fawn Hall hid what.

Yours faithfully,
VANESSA EDWARDS,
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1000 Brussels,
Belgium.

Police attendance for court duty

From Mr Brian Rowland

Sir, I have read the comments by John Hosking reported in your issue today (November 18), concerning a police presence in magistrates' courts. I can only say that the courts have largely brought the problem upon themselves.

Over the past years fundamental changes have occurred in the magistrates' courts service. Written pleas of guilty for many minor offences have been accepted by the law. The Crown Prosecution Service has decimated court lists with a policy of discontinuance in the public interest, whatever that might mean.

Cautioning procedures have been extended to young and old and now to adults of all ages. Fixed penalty schemes have been applied to a variety of offences. Vehicle rectification notices have lessened the need for criminal proceedings. Juvenile crime has been diverted from the courts. Domestic proceedings have been radically altered.

The result has been fewer people attending court, with shorter lists and less police attendance.

The social structure of the nation has also changed, with more violence, general misbehaviour and disrespect. At the same time, the court-related managerial, administrative and sentencing procedures have become infinitely more complex.

Whilst all these alterations have been occurring those responsible for the management of the courts have done absolutely nothing. In consequence the cry now is for a police presence.

The answer was, and still is, the establishment of a magistrates' courts' security service for court duty, which given time and the necessary statutory powers, could be greatly expanded to take on many of the tasks now performed by the hard-pressed police and prison services. The transporting of prisoners to and from courts is one matter which readily comes to mind.

The problems associated with magistrates' courts go far deeper than the threats of violence and disorder. There is a real need for a royal commission to examine the whole rickety structure. Does it require somebody on the Bench to be murdered before that occurs?

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN ROWLAND
(Secretary of the Superintendents' Association, 1969-77),
Taynish,
Breinton Lane,
Hereford.
November 18.

Lyndhurst bypass

From the Chairman of the Council for the Protection of Rural England and others

Sir, Let us lay to rest the suggestion from Messrs Colvin, Hill, Mates and Price (November 21) that the concern of conservationists about the route of Hampshire County Council's proposed Lyndhurst bypass through the New Forest is somehow not central to our case.

Our three organisations believe an alternative route (6/6A) is not only considerably less damaging to the countryside than the one proposed by the council (route 5A), it is also shorter and practical in engineering terms.

We regret that the council did not invite any petitioners to the site visit last Friday. An inspection of route 6/6A – which the council has told us the MPs did not walk – together with an explanation of its environmental advantages would have created a better understanding of the issue.

Hampshire County Council are setting a damaging precedent by using a private Bill to override the powers vested in the Verderers by Parliament. This we believe is being watched with interest by other developers with covetous eyes on the New Forest, and indeed, elsewhere in the countryside.

In effect, the four MPs say that if the Verderers agree to the council's route (which the Verderers have already made clear is against the interests of the forest) the council will withdraw from the Verderers' head the loaded pistol of the private Bill. The only solution to the impasse is for the council to withdraw their private Bill. An alternative route which protects the New Forest and relieves Lyndhurst exists.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ASTOR, Chairman,
Council for the Preservation of Rural England,
CHRISTOPHER HALL,
Chairman, Ramblers' Association,
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Open Spaces Society,
Council for the Protection of Rural England,
4 Hobart Place, SW1.

Meeting denial

From Mr and Mrs Patrick Maguire

Sir, You report (November 25) a statement by Mr Ken Livingstone that he will be speaking "at a meeting next Monday with Annie Maguire".

We wish it to be known that neither of us will attend *any* meeting at which Mr Ken Livingstone speaks, or any person who does not publicly condemn the atrocity at Enniskillen.

We have no interest in politics and have always opposed proscribed organisations and reject those who have failed to do so.

Yours faithfully,
PADDY MAGUIRE,
A. MAGUIRE,
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30 Carlton Vale, NW6.
November 25.

Stone Age site

From the President of the Ramblers' Association

Sir, I entirely share Paul Ashbee's (November 18) sense of outrage at the plans for a hotel/conference complex on Overton Hill, but would add that another ancient monument equally threatened by this development is the prehistoric track known as the Ridgeway. The development would take place right next to this green lane.

It is today a long-distance path, designated by the Countryside Commission, which extends across the high, open downs of Wiltshire and which each year is followed by thousands of walkers and riders enjoying a brief escape from their urban environments.

To erect a building of this kind in what is for walkers, archaeologists and many others one of the most precious corners of England would be an act of desecration.

Yours faithfully,
FAY GODWIN, President,
The Ramblers' Association,
1/5 Wandsworth Road, SW8.
November 25.

On the right road

From Mr T. J. Harris

Sir, Re your leader (November 21) on the Renault R4 van with 16 Turks inside, that was clearly no van ordinaire.

Yours faithfully,
T. J. HARRIS,
7 Bolton Garden Mews, SW10.
November 21.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 26 1920

Dissatisfaction with car servicing and repair is nothing new. The Times Motoring Correspondent, backed up by letters from readers, had some sharp things to say

THE GARAGE OF TO-DAY.

URGENT NEED FOR REFORM.

(By Our Motoring Correspondent.)

That there is urgent need for radical reform in the conduct of motor garages in town and country is proved by the letters from experienced motorists, private as well as those interested in the business, which have reached *The Times* daily since the publication of the first letter from our correspondent "Miles," last month.

Practically without exception the writers agree that the standard of repair work has fallen to the level of the earliest and worst days of the automobile movement, and the standard of zeal has dropped to vanishing point. Charges for bad work are far higher than they were for the best work before the war. That, they agree, is bad enough; but what is rousing the just resentment of everyone who has the interest of the industry at heart is the appalling apathy of the great majority of repairers. It is not always the fault of the proprietors. Skilled labour is, under existing conditions, admittedly difficult to find, and when found not always easy to keep. Yet motorists who have struggled with this and kindred problems all their lives are convinced that a way out is not impossible of attainment. Good engineers are always inspired by their work, and it is only a question of creating an atmosphere of willingness to ensure the work which one expects from them.

"MODERN HIGHWAYMEN"

There is something very wrong with the atmosphere of most garages. We had the same sort of thing years ago when the bewildered, helpless owner of a car .... had perforce to trust himself to the mercies of ignorant and even unscrupulous garage owners. Nobody cared in the garage how the work was done, so long as it was paid for and wages were forthcoming on Saturday. By many of those modern highwaymen the ownership of "a motor-repairing shop" was regarded as a gold mine, where the wandering motorist could be fleeced to one's heart's content.

Conditions to-day are very nearly reverting to that evil period. The causes are not quite the same, the abysmal ignorance of the average owner having given place to a certain amount of practical knowledge. He knows what ought to be done to his car and to a certain extent how it should be done. But, like his forerunner of 15 years ago, he must stand hopeless while the ill-trained, casual garage hand, who has a bare nodding acquaintance with the operation of the machine he is handling, makes ill worse. No properly trained mechanic willingly does these things. If he does it is because he is deliberately, if indirectly, encouraged to shirk his work by mismanagement on the part of his employer or foreman ...

It rests with our motor organizations to imbue themselves with a new spirit. It can be done, and if the whole future of private and commercial motoring in this country is to progress normally it must be done....

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 25: The Queen and *The Duke of Edinburgh this* morning visited the Royal College of Defence Studies to mark its Diamond Jubilee.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the Commandant (Admiral Sir David Hallifax) and Secretary of the College (Major-General W.M.E. Hicks).

The Countess of Airlie, Mr Robert Fellowes, Air Vice-Marshal Richard Peirse and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening presented the Torch Trophy Trust Awards at Simpsons (Piccadilly), London W1.

His Royal Highness, Honorary Member, later attended a *dinner given by the Smeatonian* Society, Great George Street, London SW1.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards at the Memorial Service for Major-General *Reginald Leathes which* was held in the Church of St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, London EC2, today.

CLARENCE HOUSE

November 25: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon presented Long Service Badges to Queen's Nurses of The Queen's Nursing *Institute* at St James's Palace.

Lady Angela Oswald and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 25: The Prince of Wales this morning at Kensington Palace received Dr R.E. Leakey.

His Royal Highness, Duke of Cornwall, this morning presided at a meeting of The Prince's *Council at 10, Buckingham* Gate, London SW1.

The Prince of Wales subsequently entertained members of the Council and Duchy Land Stewards to luncheon at Kensington Palace.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the exhibition "Wemyss Ware — A Great British Tradition" at Thomas Goode and Co Ltd, 19 South Audley Street, London W1.

The Hon Rupert Fairfax was in attendance.

The Prince and Princess of Wales this evening attended the *Anglo-Spanish Society Bi-an*nual Ball at Syon House, Brentford, Middlesex.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and the Hon Rupert Fairfax *were in attendance.*

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 25: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, undertook engagements in Staffordshire today, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Staffordshire (Sir Arthur Bryan).

Her Royal Highness opened *the new Offices and Printing* Plant of *The Evening Sentinel*, Etruria, Stoke-on-Trent, and later opened the *Science* Park at the University of Keele.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, *this evening* opened the New Victoria Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Jane Stevens.

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 25: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon presented the 1987 Art and Work Awards at the Business Design Centre, Upper Street, N1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 25: The Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, this evening attended a *meeting of the Lodge of Antiq*uity No.2 at Freemasons' Hall, London WC2.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, as *Chancellor, this evening* attended a concert at the University of Leeds.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Miss Sarah Partridge.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

November 25: Princess Alexandra was present this evening at the Charity Premiere of the Thames Silent Film *Ben Hur* presented by Thames Television in aid of the British Deaf Association, at the London Palladium.

Miss Mona Mitchell was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will attend a reception *given by the British Academy* at 20 Cornwall Terrace, NW1, at 6.00.

The Prince of Wales, President of Business in the Community, will visit community employment projects in Walsall at 10.40; will visit the new Convention Centre, Birmingham, at 12.25; will lunch at Council House at 1.00; and will preside at the annual meeting of the BIC Governing Council at 2.15.

The Princess of Wales, Patron of the National Hospitals for Nervous Diseases, will open Chan*dler House, Wakefield Street*, WC1, at 11.00.

The Duchess of York will attend the Café Society Royal *Ball* at the Café Royal at 8.30 in aid of the Leukaemia League of 365.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will attend the Vintners' Company's Swan Feast at Vintners' Hall at 8.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the Medical Women's Federation, will attend a symposium on "Women, Health and Work" at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Sussex Place, NW1, at 12.15; later she will attend a reception at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, at 7.15, to mark their seventieth anniversary.

The Duchess of Kent will visit *Leeds University* at 9.35.

Birthdays today

Major-General Sir John Acland, 59; Professor Margaret Boden, philospher and psychologist, 51; Mr Cyril Cusack, actor, 77; Sir Alan Dalton, chairman, English China, 64; Mr Geoffrey Drain, trades unionist, 69; Sir Sidney Eburne, former Senior Crown Agent, 69; Lord Forte, 79; the Earl of Gowrie, 48; Mr John Selwyn Gummer, MP, 48; Mr R.W. Hamilton, archaeologist, 82; Professor Sir Harry Hinsley, Master, St John's College, Cambridge, 68; Vice-Admiral Sir James Kennon, 62; Lord McFadzean of Kelvinside, 72; Mr John Moore, MP, 50; Miss Joyce Quin, MP, 43; Mr Charles Schultz, cartoonist, 65; Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, 64; Mrs Barbara Switzer, trades unionist, 47; Miss Tina Turner, singer, 49.

Lecture

English-Speaking Union

Mr Warren E. Burger, Chairman of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, delivered the 1987 Churchill lecture to the English-Speaking Union at Dartmouth House last night. Lord Pym, Chairman of the ESU of the Commonwealth, presided and Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, also spoke.

Luncheons

Royal Fine Art Commission

The Prime Minister was the guest of honour at a luncheon *given* by Lord St John of Fawsley, Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission, yesterday at 7 St James's Square, SW1, to launch a new trust for architecture and the arts.

HM Government

Lord Glenarthur, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of visiting Tunisian parliamentarians.

British Nutrition Foundation

The annual luncheon of the British Nutrition Foundation was held on Wednesday at the Royal College of Physicians. Professor Ian Macdonald, chairman of the council of the foundation, presided and the principal guest was Mr Joseph Rank. President of Ranks Hovis McDougall plc. The BNF Annual Lecture was given afterwards by Professor J.R.A. Mitchell.

Management Consultancies Association

Mr Richard Owen, Chairman, and Council Members of the Management Consultancies Association, were hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at the Cavalry and Guards Club in honour of Mr Graham Day, Chairman of Rover Group plc.

Dinners

St John Ambulance Association

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the principal speaker at the national dinner of the St John Ambulance Association held last night at the Naval and Military Club. Mr R.G.A. Balchin, Director-General of St John Ambulance, presided.

HM Government

The Hon Alan Clark, Minister for Trade, and Mrs Clark were hosts at a dinner given by HM Government last night at Lancaster House to say farewell to Mr V.M. Ivanov, Soviet Trade Representative.

Warwickshire Lieutenancy

Mr C.M.T. Smith-Ryland, Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, presided at a dinner given by the Warwickshire Lieutenancy last night at Shire Hall, Warwick.

Society of Local Authority Chief Executives

Mr Peter Walker, MP, was the guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Michael Rush, president, presided.

Past Overseers' Society

The Lord Mayor of Westminster, the Governor of the Bank of England and the Rector of St Margaret's, Westminster, were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the Past Overseers' Society of St Margaret and St John, Westminster, held last night at the Inter-Continental hotel.

Institution of Production Engineers

*The annual dinner of the In*stitution of Production Engineers was held last night at the *Royal Lancaster Hotel, London.* The president of the institution, Mr M.R. Hoffman, was in the *chair, and the principal guest* was the Chief of the General Staff, General Sir Nigel Bagnall.

Service dinner

The King's Own Scottish Borderers Association

The ladies evening dinner of The King's Own Scottish Borderers Association (London and Southern Counties Branch) was held at the Victory Services Club last Friday evening. Major Peter B de T. Rooke presided. The principal guests were: Brigadier R.W. Riddle, Colonel of the Regiment, the Rev J. Harkness, Chaplain General, and Major-General J.R.A. MacMillan and their ladies. Messages were received from The Queen and Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief.

St Godric's College

St Godric's College old students' reunion will be held on Saturday, December 5, at 22 Lyndhurst Road, London NW3, at 5.30 pm. Former students are invited to attend.

Sainsbury Management Fellowships

The Fellowship of Engineering has awarded Sainsbury Management Fellowships to the following young professional engineers to enable them to study for the degree of MBA at international business schools overseas:

Mr K L Jordan, Mr R P M Trollope, Mr T A R Delap, Ms L J Hill, Mr T J O'Brien, Mr P D Lakin, Ms P M Darkenson, Mr G B Wylie, Mr D W Squires, Mr R A Sacks, Mr E D Lewin, Mr S R West and Mr I Peerless.

Haberdashers' Company

The following have been elected *officers of the Haberdashers'* Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr O.M.W. Swingland, *QC; Wardens, Mr M.A.B. Jenks,* Mr J. Denza, Mr D.E.K. Elliott, Mr N.K.S. Wills.

Memorial services

The Rev Dr K. Slack

The Archbishop of Canterbury, President of the British Council of Churches, led the prayers at a service of thanksgiving for the life of the Rev Dr Kenneth Slack held yesterday in Westminster Abbey. The Archbishop of *York*, the Archbishop of Wales and the Primus of the Episcopal Church of Scotland attended.

The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Alan Luff, Precentor. Dame Diana Reader Harris and the Bishop of Rochester read the lessons. The Rev Arthur Macarthur gave an address. The Dean of Winchester and Canon *Dr Donald Gray* also said prayers.

Among those in procession were the Moderator of the Commission on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service, the Rev John Johansen-Berg, Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, the Rev David Staple, general secretary; the Rev Bernard Thorogood, General Secretary of the United Reformed Church, the interim-Moderator of Kensington United Reformed Church, the Rev Michael Taylor, Director of Christian Aid, the Rev James Rogers, Vice-President of the British Council of Churches, Canon Humphrey Taylor, General Secretary of the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, Miss Elizabeth Salter, Mr Michael Smart, Sir Brian Young, Mr Robert Caffyn, Mrs Poppy Harrold, the Rev Dr John Tudor, the Rev Basil Amey, the Rev Colin Davey, the Right Rev Alastair Haggart, the Very Rev Dr W.B. Johnston, the Rev Dr Fergus Macpherson, Mr Keith Jenkins and representatives of the Conference of European Churches, the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe, the World Council of Churches and the Student Christian Movement Press.

Canon Sebastian Charles, Canon Anthony Harvey and Canon Colin Semper were among those robed and in the Sacrarium. Others present included:

Mrs Slack (widow), Mr and Mrs Nicholas Slack and Mr and Mrs Timothy Slack (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr and Mrs Jonathan Taylor (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Caroline Taylor, Miss Sarah Taylor, Miss Joanna Slack, Jonathan and Richard Slack (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs James B Blake, Miss Dorothy E Cone, Major and Mrs J H Taylor.

The Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, Viscount Tonypandy, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Right Rev Kenneth and Mrs Sansbury, the Right Rev John Jukes (Episcopal representative of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales) with the Rev Michael Jackson (secretary, ecumenical committee), Lady Campbell of Croy, Mr David W Bleakley (general secretary, Irish Council of Churches), Lady Margaret Stirling-Aird, the Hon *Mrs Reader-Harris*, the Hon Isabel Gatto, Mr Justice Mars-Jones, Dame Betty Ridley, Sir Sigmund Sternberg.

Mr and Mrs John Montagu, Mrs Michael Mayne, Mrs Trevor Beeson, the Very Rev William Baddeley, the Very Rev D L Edwards, the Rev Dr Kenneth Greet, the Ven F H House, Mrs H O Morton, Mrs Arthur Macarthur, Mrs Alastair Haggart, Canon R T Greenacre (representing the Bishop of Chichester and Chichester Cathedral), Mr W Derek Pattinson (secretary general, General Synod of the Church of England), the Rev D H Owen (general secretary, Presbyterian Church of Wales), the Rev Brian Beck (general secretary, Methodist Church), the Rev Derwyn Morris Jones (general secretary, Union Welsh Independents), Colonel William Layton (Salvation Army), the Rev Fred Linyard (general secretary, Moravian Church).

The Rev Tim McClure (general secretary, Student Christian Movement) and representatives of the Kensington Council of Churches, the General Synod Board of Education, *The Christian Century*, the Council for World Mission, the Chelsea URC, CAFOD, Selly Oak Colleges, the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services, the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), the Girls' Brigade, the Council of Churches for Wales, the Foundation for the Study of Christianity and Society, the Friends World Committee for Consultation, the Motor Neurone Disease Association, Westminster College, Cambridge, and Hewitt, Woollacott and Chown.

Major-General R.C. de M. Leathes

The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General of The Royal Marines, was represented by Lieutenant-General Sir John *Richards at a service of thanks*giving for the life of Major-General R.C. de M. Leathes *held yesterday at St Lawrence* Jewry-next-Guildhall.

Canon David Burgess and the Rev Michael Allen officiated. Mr Rupert Leathes, son, read the lesson and Major-General R.D. Houghton gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Leathes (widow), Mr and Mrs Simon Leathes and Mr and Mrs David Leathes (sons and daughters-in-law), Mrs Rupert Leathes (daughter-in-law), *Mr and Mrs Arthur Horsley (son-in-*law and daughter), Thomas, Isabelle and Francine Leathes, Annabel and Timothy Leathes and Benjamin and Miriam Leathes (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Edmund de M Leathes (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs G E Troup and Mrs D W Morgan (sisters), Mrs R Elphinston, Commander and Mrs J Condon, Miss J Condon, Captain Robert Leathes, RN, Commander John Leathes, RN.

The Hon Mrs Claud Phillimore, *Lady Arbuthnot, Lieutenant-General* Sir Steuart Pringle, General Sir Ian and Lady Mines, General Sir Peter Whiteley, Major-General Sir Digby Raeburn, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Laurence Sinclair, Captain Antony Raynsford and the Hon Mrs Raynsford (president, Ski Club of Great Britain), Colonel T Seccombe (chairman, Royal Marines Association), Mr John Boyagis (president, Kandahar Ski Club) with Mr G Day (chairman) and Mrs Day and Miss Anne Drummond (secretary); Mr Michael Toynbee (representing Ardingly College, Sussex), Mr John Samuel (*The Guardian*) and Mrs Samuel, Mr George Nicholson, Miss S Wallace and Miss C Bower (British Olympic Association), Mr M Bennett (Bowles Outdoor Pursuits Centre), Mr Henry Brown (The Commando Association).

Major-General and Mrs E G D Pounds, Rear-Admiral and Mrs Morrice McMullen, Mr and Mrs Peter Harris, Mrs L Waddington, Major-General and Mrs H F Beverley, Major-General and Mrs F C Barton, Mr and Mrs G H Bulfed, Major-General N H D McCall, Major-General and Mrs J L Moulton, Major-General and Mrs G H Owen, Major-General R J Ephraums (representative Colonel Commandant, The Royal Marines), Lieutenant-General and Mrs J M C Garrard, Major-General John Hardy, Major-General P R Kay, Major-General Robert Loudoun, Colonel and Mrs J A Haire, the Rev Basil Watson, Mr Adam Houghton, Mrs Michael Marriott, Mr A T Whitehead, Mrs P Sykes, Mrs Douglas Grant and Mrs Guy Bowden.

Mr G. Mikes

A memorial service for Mr George Mikes was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent *Garden. The Very Rev David* Elliott officiated. Mr André Deutsch and Miss Diana Athill *gave addresses. Miss Gina Mc*Cormack, violin, and Mr Nigel Clayton, piano, played *Adagio by Kodaly and a collection of* dances by Bartok.



Captain Billy Budd (left) and Captain John Scott at the awards ceremony yesterday (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Bravery awards for Zeebrugge heroes

Four seamen involved in the Zeebrugge ferry disaster received bravery awards for their work in the rescue operation on board the Herald of Free Enterprise.

Captain John Scott and his Chief Officer, Malcolm Shakesby, of the cargo vessel, Duke of Anglia, launched a lifeboat to help rescue survivors.

Captain Billy Budd, commanding the coastal cruiser, River Tamar, and Chief Officer George Norman were just leaving Zeebrugge when they received a mayday call.

The four were all given the Emile Robin award for outstanding bravery by the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society at its annual lunch in London.

While Captain Scott stayed aboard his ship, Mr Shakesby and a five-man crew boarded the capsized ferry and winched up survivors from inside the ship.

Captain Budd, of Deal, Kent told how he pulled up alongside the heaving ship and sent a crew aboard. Three hours later his vessel returned to shore with 18 survivors, including children and one small baby. Once they had landed, they picked up three doctors and returned the scene.

Church news

Mrs Glynne Gordon-Carter is to be Secretary to the Board for Social Responsibility's Race and Community Relations Committee and the general synod's Black Anglican Concerns Committee. She starts her new job on December 7. Mrs Gordon-Carter, who was born in Jamaica, is a teacher in London.

Other appointments

The Rev Kenneth Almond, Vicar, Surfleet and Pinchbeck West and Rural Dean of Elloe West, diocese of Lincoln, to be Vicar, Spalding, St John Baptist with Deeping St Nicholas, same diocese. He remains Rural Dean of Elloe West.

The Rev Richard Bailey, Curate, Huyton, diocese of Liverpool, to be the incumbent, Wombridge, diocese of Lichfield.

The Rev Peter Baldwin, Vicar, St Luke, Ferryhill, diocese of Durham, to be Vicar, St Thomas, Pendleton and Chaplain of Salford College of Technology, diocese of Manchester.

The Rev Colin Bennison, Vicar, St Stephen and St Wulfram, Selly Park, *Birmingham, diocese of Birmingham*, to be Diocesan Ecumenical Officer and Adviser on Mission, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

The Rev David Bracey, Vicar, St Stephen, Elton, diocese of Manchester, to be Vicar, St Michael and All Angels, Howe Bridge, same diocese.

The Rev Simon N D Brown, Team Rector, Burnham with Dropmore, Hitcham and Taplow, diocese of Oxford, to be also Rural Dean of Burnham, same diocese.

The Rev Marie Bryant, Vicar, Studley St John, Trowbridge, diocese of Salisbury, to be Diocesan Vocational Development Adviser, diocese of Coventry.

The Rev Alan Burn, Rector, Allesley, Coventry, diocese of Coventry, to be also an Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev Ian Chisholm, Vicar, All Saints, Harrow Weald, diocese of London, to be Vicar, West Moors, diocese of Salisbury.

Canon Edward Cook, Canon of Lincoln, and Vicar, Saxilby, diocese of Lincoln, to be also Rural Dean of Corringham, same diocese.

The Rev Michael Craggs, Priest-in-charge, Great Addington and Little Addington diocese of Peterborough, to be Rural Dean of Higham, same diocese.

The Rev Colin Craven, Assistant Curate, Holbeach, diocese of Lincoln, to be Team Vicar, Grantham Team Ministry, same diocese.

The Rev John Cross, non-stipendiary Assistant Curate, St Peter-upon-Cornhill, diocese of London, to be non-stipendiary Priest-in-charge, same parish, same diocese.

The Rev Bernard Davies, Vicar, Braintree, St Michael, diocese of Chelmsford, to be also Rural Dean of *Braintree*, same diocese.

The Rev Neil Davies, Vicar, Tiverton Pitt with Meritryr Vale, diocese of Llandaff, to be Priest Missioner, Trinity Church, Lower Earley, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev Robert Dew, Industrial Chaplain with special responsibility for the issues of unemployment, Liverpool Industrial Mission, diocese of Liverpool, to be Senior Industrial Missioner, Liverpool Industrial Mission, same diocese.

The Rev John Eastgate, Vicar, *Hughenden, diocese of Oxford*, to be also Rural Dean of Wycombe, same diocese.

The Rev Robert Fielden, Rector, Anderby Group, diocese of Lincoln, to be Rector, Fiskerton, same diocese.

The Rev Stephen Fletcher, Assistant Curate, St James and Emmanuel, Didsbury, diocese of Manchester, to be Rector, St Paul, Kersal, same diocese.

The Rev Peter Flurck, Vicar, Boston, St Botolph, diocese of Lincoln, to be also a Canon of Lincoln, same diocese.

The Rev Robert Gibbs, Rector, Ribbesford with Bewdley and Dowles, and Rural Dean of Kidderminster, diocese of Worcester, to be also an Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev Edwin Greathead, Vicar, Scunthorpe, Frodingham, diocese of *Lincoln*, to be also a Canon of Lincoln, same diocese.

The Rev Neville Griffiths, Rector, Lowther and Askham, diocese of Carlisle, to be Vicar, St Matthew Colby, Guernsey, diocese of Winchester.

The Rev Peter Hearn, Vicar, Burton-on-Stather, and Rector, Flixborough, diocese of Lincoln, to be also Rural Dean of Manlake, same diocese.

The Rev John Hetherington, Assistant Curate, Scunthorpe, Crosby, diocese of Lincoln, to be Team Vicar, Cleethorpes Team Ministry, same diocese.

The Rev Dr Ronald Hurlock, Assistant Curate, St Saviour, Oxton, diocese of Chester, to be Chaplain's Assistant, The Royal Infirmary, St Mary's Hospital, and The Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester, diocese of Manchester.

The Rev Patrick Hutton, Priest-in-charge, Stow Bardolph with Wimpwhham and Stow Bridge and Nordelph, diocese of Ely, to be Vicar, St Mary and Virgin, Bedford, diocese of London.

The Rev Michael Johnson, Rector, Longfield, to be also Chaplain, Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, diocese of Lincoln.

The Rev Peter Littler, Vicar, White Notley, Faulkbourne and Cressing, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Vicar, Westcliff, St Andrew, same diocese.

The Rev Anthony Macey, Vicar, Wembury and Rural Dean of Ivybridge, diocese of Exeter, to be Vicar, Cockington, same diocese.

The Rev David Mathews, Priest-in-charge, Old Newton St Mary and The Chapel of St Nicholas, Clopping, with Stowupland Holy Trinity, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to be the incumbent, same benefice, same diocese.

The Rev Gareth Miller, Vicar, Melbury Team Ministry, diocese of Salisbury, to be Rector, same Team Ministry, same diocese.

The Rev Alan Morris, Rector, West Kingsdown, diocese of Rochester, to be Vicar, Seal, same diocese.

The Rev Richard Russell, Curate-in-charge, Widcombe, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Vicar, same parish, same diocese.

The Rev Allan Sherratt, Priest-in-charge, St Maire Du Castel and St Martins churches, Guernsey, diocese of Winchester, to be Chaplain of St Peter's School, Wolverhampton, diocese of Lichfield.

The Rev Richard M Smith, Assistant Curate, St Margaret, Rainham, diocese of Rochester, to be Vicar, St Thomas, Southborough, same diocese.

The Rev Alfred Southward, Vicar, Wootton Wawen, diocese of Coventry, to be also an Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev Hugh Theophilus, Vicar, Bilthorpborough group, diocese of Lincoln, to be also Rural Dean of Aveland and Ness with Stamford, same diocese.

The Rev John Thorold, Vicar, Bracebridge, diocese of Lincoln, to be also Rural Dean of Lafford, same diocese.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.S. Persson
and Miss V.R. Colman

The engagement is announced between *Matthew, elder son of* the Bishop of Doncaster and Mrs William Persson, of *Bishop's Lodge, Rotherham*, and Rose, younger daughter of Sir Michael Colman, Bt, and *Lady Colman, of Malshanger*, Basingstoke.

Mr D.G. Howes
and Miss A.S. Jardine Paterson

The engagement is announced between David Gerard, youngest son of the late Rear-Admiral Peter Howes and of *Mrs Howes, of Sutton Parva*, Wiltshire, and Anna Serena, youngest daughter of Sir John *and Lady Jardine Paterson, of* Norton Bavant, Wiltshire.

Mr P.A. Hart
and Miss F. Ward

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs A.H. Hart, of Wrotham, Kent, and Fiona, daughter of Mrs C. Ward, of Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, and Mr R. Ward, of Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Mr M.A. Kerr-Smiley
and Mlle M.M.P.M. Raquez

The engagement is announced between Mark Alexander, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel P.S. Kerr-Smiley, of Huntingfield, Suffolk, and of Mrs Kerr-Smiley, of 1 Forres Street, Edinburgh, and Manuela Marie, daughter of M and Mme S.M. Raquez, of 205 Avenue Brugmann, Brussels.

Mr S.D. Leonard
and Miss D.M. Barraclough

The engagement is announced between Stephen (Desmond), son of the late Dr John Leonard and Mrs R. Sinclair Kennedy, and stepson of Dr R. Sinclair Kennedy, of Burnside, Glasgow, and Deborah, daughter of Canon and Mrs Owen Barraclough, of Swindon, Wiltshire.

Mr I. Malcolm
and Miss K. Mack

The engagement ie announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs Stoddart Malcolm, of Milton of Culloden, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Mack, of Strathglass, Inverness-shire.

Mr N.J.L. Perfitt
and Miss R.L. MacVitie

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel R.J.L. Perfitt, TD, and Mrs A. Perfitt, of Pencarrow, Cornwood, Devon, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.L. MacVitie, of Vicarage Hill, Dartmouth.

Mr N. Pressling
and Miss E. Smedley

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Pressling, of King's Lynn, Norfolk, and Elaine, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Smedley, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.

Mr J.H. Snyder
and Miss S.E. Brewster

The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Bruce Snyder, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Brewster, of Clifton, Bristol.

Mr T.E.L. Wright
and Miss E.S. Wells

The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Mr and Mrs T.L. Wright, of Maudlin Farmhouse, Steyning, Sussex, and Lizzie, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.L. Wells, of 8 *Belvedere Grove, London*, SW19.

Marriage

Mr M. Hutchinson
and Miss N. Burns

The marriage took place on Sunday, November 8, at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, of Mr Marc Hutchinson to Miss *Nica Burns*.

A reception was held at the Donmar Warehouse Theatre.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mrs Joanna Foster to be Chairman of the Equal Opportunities Committee from May 1 next year, in succession to Baroness Platt of Writtle. Mrs Foster is head of the Pepperell unit, the equal opportunities division of the Industrial Society.

OBITUARY

SIR ALAN McNICOLL

Versatile and gallant Australian sailor

Vice-Admiral Sir Alan McNicoll, KBE, CB, GM, Australian Chief of Naval Staff in the 1960s — he presided over the introduction of Australia's own White Ensign — has died in Canberra. He was 79.

He was a man of many *parts: an athlete; a poet who* had translated Horace's Odes; latterly a diplomatist. And his personal courage was demonstrated spectacularly *during the war, in the* Mediterranean.

The Italians had developed a new type of torpedo. When several turned up in Alexandria Harbour, the senior mine disposal officer was killed when he attempted to render one of them harmless. So was his assistant. McNicoll undertook to make the second attempt, and with the utmost care to protect his assistant if anything went wrong, successfully rendered eight of the torpedoes harmless.

His citation for the George Medal spoke of his "gallant *and undaunted devotion to* duty".

Alan Wedel Ramsay McNicoll, son of a general who had administered New *Guinea*, was born on April 3, 1908, and educated at Scotch College, Melbourne. He joined the Royal Australian Navy as a cadet at the age of sixteen.

For almost all the war he served with the Royal Navy, *mainly in HMS Fiji, Medway* and *King George V*. In 1952 he was one of those engaged in planning the British atomic tests off the north-west coast of Australia.

Ten years later, with the rank of rear-admiral, he commanded the Australian Fleet, *and in 1965* he was promoted to vice-admiral as Chief of Staff. It was he who was mainly responsible for fitting the Australian Navy with modern weaponry — and for fighting successive governments to get the means.

Although dedicated to the Royal Navy, he thought it essential for the Royal Australian Navy to have its own identity; hence the introduction, in 1967, of the Australian White Ensign.

In the following year, when he expected to retire, he became the first Australian ambassador to Turkey. It was a time when there was a considerable Turkish emigration to Australia.

McNicoll was a forthright man with a big and attractive personality and a delightful wit. His breadth of reading was extraordinary in a man so busy: he would explain modestly that at sea sailors had nothing to do but read.

He published two volumes of verse: *Sea Voices*, in 1931, and his translation of selected Horace in 1979.

He was twice married, and is survived by his second wife, Frances Chadwick, and by a son and a daughter of the first marriage.

MR ERIC JOHNSON

Mr Eric Marshall Johnson, musician, scholar, and teacher, died on November 14. He was 88.

His first instrument was the violin, *but his early studies* were long interrupted when he was wounded during the First World War, and it was some years before he retrieved the use of his bowing arm.

His ambition to become a professional musician was strengthened after meeting with the singer Cecily Arnold, *whom he married* in 1927. He followed her at the Royal College of Music, and together they spent much time studying old music and then performing it on the instruments for which it was written.

Johnson became an avid collector of old instruments, *and mastered the viol and lute* families. His wife added the clavichord and harpsichord. In the post-war years they toured — either together or in a larger group — under the title "Old Music on Old *Instruments*", performing and lecturing.

Their 1955 lecture to the Royal Musical Association was a most useful introduction to the English fantasy suite, and their editions of music that illustrated it helped in the rediscovery of an almost lost repertoire.

Johnson turned increasingly to teaching, and taught the lute by post. He was able skilfully to analyse the mechanics of playing.

He made his last public performance when well into his eighties; and his playing in private was ended only after a recent fall which left him *without the strength to* consider even tuning his viol.

He was a founder member of the Galpin Society, and an honorary member of the Viola *da Gamba Society*.

His wife died in 1974.

DR ZDZISLAW STAHL

Dr Zdzislaw Stahl, who died on November *13*, aged *86*, was prominent in the prewar Polish Parliament, and wrote numerous books, including *The Crime of Katyn*. He was *dean of the Polish University* Abroad, in London, for more than twenty-five years.

A prisoner in the USSR during the war, he was afterwards for a long time chairman of the Association of Former Political Prisoners in Russia.

Born at Lvov, Stahl taught political science at the university there, wrote a number of books on politics and economics, and became an active member of the Polish *parliament*.

He had fought in the Russo-Polish war of 1920; and when war came to Poland again in 1939, he was taken prisoner by *the Russians*.

In 1942 he was released and evacuated with the army of General Anders to the Middle East. He served in Iran, Iraq *and Palestine, and with the* 2nd Corps in Italy, where he fought in the Battle for Monte Cassino.

After the war Stahl came to *England, where he taught at* the Polish University Abroad, and continued to write.

Dr C. Willis Dixon, formerly Secretary of the Institute of Education, University of London, died on November *18*, aged 74.

While working as an administrator he remained an academic, and wrote a series of books on Scandinavian *education*.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

COMMANDERS: J A Collins - Staff of FOSM 1 3 88. R Hawkins - Sultan of Comm Navy 30 1 88. W M Kinchen - HQAFSOUTH 2.9 88. I V McVittie - MOD Lond 5 4 88. R E Smith - RCSO Rosyth 30.3.88. S A L Van Der Byl - MOD Lond 27 11 87.

SURGEON COMMANDERS: J R C Carne - Intrepid 29 1 88. R D Curr - I N M Aldershot 4 3 88.

Retirements

CAPTAIN: W J Flindell - 24 12 87.

COMMANDER: P Withers - 16.1.88.

The Army

MAJOR GENERAL: C R L Guthrie - To be ACGS MOD, 24.11.87.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: B R Anderson - 5 INNIS DG - To be CO 5 INNIS DG, 25.11.87. F J Beartool RA - To MOD, 24.11.87. R P G Brook RRF - To RARDE, 25.11.87. T Dalby-Welsh RAOC - To be CO & Comd Sup 4 Ord Bn, 25.11.87. R M Giles ACC - To be CO Army Sch of Catering, 23.11.87. R P Rawlins R ANGLIAN - To RMCS. Sir Christopher Thompson Bt RH - to Sch of Inf, 25.11.87. R M Unwin REME - to AC Bir REME, 23.11.87. J G Wishart RAEC - to MOD 25.11.87. M Morris RH - To be CO RH, 28.11.87. N Meanse RA - to HQ Landsoutheast, 23.11.87. R T Whorlow RAOC - To be CO Jun Lars Regt RCT, RAOC, 25.11.87.

Retirements

BRIGADIER: W E Winder Late RA - 28.11.87.

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAIN: A J C Bagnall - To RAF Leuchars as Stn Cdr, 20.11.87.

WING COMMANDERS: R D Nixon - To RAF Belize, 18.11.87. P Peacock - To RAF Waltham, 19.11.87. G Hatton - To RAF Leuchars, 20.11.87. R W Gauli - To RAF Gutersloh, 20.11.87. M J Mothersill - To MOD CS(R), 20.11.87. M V Bottomley - To MOD, 23.11.87. D M Nunn - To RAFSC Bracknell, 23.11.87. C Davison - To HQ AFCENT, 23.11.87.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Cowper, poet, Great Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, 1731; Sir Henry Coward, chorus master and conductor, Liverpool, 1849; Sir Aurel Stein, archaeologist, Budapest, 1862.

DEATHS: John McAdam, inventor of the road surface bearing his name, Moffat, Dumfriesshire, 1836; Coventry Patmore, poet, Lymington, Hampshire, 1896; Sir Leander Jameston, leader of the abortive raid into the Transvaal (1895), London, 1917; Cyril Connolly, critic, London, 1974.

"The Great Storm" in which over 8,000 lives were lost, 1703.

Latest wills

Mr Terence Anthony Casey, of Leverstock Green, Hertfordshire, former general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters / Union of Women Teachers, left estate valued at £189,456 net.

Science report

El Nino holds the key to long range forecasting

By Thomas Land

A breakthrough in research may open the way to reliable weather forecasting for periods of 18 months and more.

Its implications are enormous for agriculture, public health, shipping, commodity trading, tourism, construction and many other activities.

Much of the suffering caused by India's current *monsoon failure, which has caused that country's* worst drought this century, might have been averted through advance planning if a new *understanding of ocean processes had been* achieved a few months earlier.

The discovery was the subject of intense discussions by senior oceanographers at a recent conference in Vancouver, Canada.

***Specialists at the conference of the Inter*national Union of Geographers and Geophysicists agreed that the Indian monsoon failure is an effect of *El Nino*, a phenomenon much feared by fishermen across the southern oceans, which periodically triggers a climatic upheaval dominating global weather.**

Such a disaster in 1982-83 caused savage storms, drought and the collapse of the marine ecosystem in lucrative southern fishing grounds, resulting in many hundreds of deaths and damage *estimated* at $8.000 million.

But the recurrence and strength of *El Nino* (The Child in Spanish) has been predicted for the first time using new computer models and remote-sensing observation techniques.

Confirmation of the procedure should enable meteorologists to construct reliable long range weather forecasts for the parts of the world most vulnerable to climatic fluctuations.

The scientists are refining the technique with a 10-year study called Tropical Oceans Global Atmosphere Programme. It involves the analysis of the thermal structure and circulation on the basis of weather and ocean surface monitoring by satellites, ships and aircraft.

**Charles We

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

From the end of the earth I will cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
Psalm 61 : 2

BIRTHS

ALLEN - On November 17th 1987, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Krzysztofa and Michael, a son, Christopher Jan Tomlin.

BASS - On November 21st 1987, at St. Thomas' Hospital to Linda (née Knight) and Philip, a daughter, Harriet Grace, a sister for Chloe.

CLARK - On November 21st, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Susan (née Irving) and Nicol, a son, Anthony.

CRAWLEY - On November 19th, at Bandon Hospital to Janet and Francis, a son, Edward Samuel Dallen, a brother for Thomas and Phillipa.

CROSS - On November 22nd, to Jenifer (née Smith) and Martin, a son, William James Martin, a brother for Eleanor.

CUTLER - On November 23rd 1987, at Mayday Hospital, Croydon, to Donna and Robert, a son, Robert Michael.

FARRELL - On November 13th, to Sandra (née Hibble) and David, a son James, a brother for Charlotte.

FRENCH - On November 22nd, at St. Mary's Paddington, to Nick and Nikki (Lane) a son, Thomas Jack Alan.

HALE - On November 20th, to Dawn (née Godwin) and Mark, a son, Luke Richard, a brother for Joseph.

HILTON - On November 23rd, at Princess Alexandra, RAF hospital, Wroughton, to Patsy (née Carter) and Jeremy, a daughter, Tamsin Claire Rhumond, a sister for Adam.

JONES - On November 17th, at Kingston Hospital, to Rosemary and Cled, a daughter, Alice Amy Catherine, a sister for Matthew, Thomas, Luke and Emily.

LEDUC - On November 22nd 1987, to Ola and Jane, a son, Richard Gholshan Jr.

MAGEE - On November 19th, to Marie-Suzanne (née Graffius) and Patrick, a daughter Lucia Anne.

OWENS - On November 20th, at Queen Charlottes to Trina (née Jeffares) and Charles, a daughter, Elizabeth Cassandra Rose, a sister for Matthew.

ROBINSON - On November 17th, at Princess Mary's RAF Hospital, Halton, to Meg and David, a daughter, Cicely Florence. Many thanks to the doctors and nurses, and also, to the Harris Birthright Centre, St. Mary's Hospital Paddington.

SHELDON - On November 23rd 1987, to Susie and Jamie, a daughter, Sophie Arebella, a sister for Charles.

VIDOTTO - On November 19th 1987, in Siena, to Helen (née Sutton) and Marco, a daughter, Gullia Isabel.

WALLACE - On November 20th, to Helen and Roy, a daughter, Emma Katherine.

DEATHS

COOPER-SMITH - On Monday November 23rd, Vera Marjorie Cowper-Smith B.E.M., aged 87 years. Loved and admired by her family and friends. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium on Monday 30th November at 2pm.

DARLEY - On November 24th, peacefully at home in Suffolk, Caroline Swanston Darley, widow of Lt. Col. Robert Darley. Much loved mother of John and Gillian and grandmother of Chris and Tom Stacey and Joseph Horowitz. Cremation private. No flowers but donations in her memory to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, c/o The Old Vicarage, Kenton, near Stowmarket, Suffolk.

DAWSON - On November 24th 1987, peacefully in hospital, Emily Mary (Daisy), aged 102, of Barnes SW13. Beloved widow of Harold, mother of Mary and Gerald (deceased 'Mater'). Cremation on Tuesday 1st December at Putney Vale Crematorium at 10.45.

DE-SILVA - In May 1987, Professor C. C. De-Silva in at his residence in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

FOX - On November 24th, John Roger M.C., Canon Regular of the Order of St. Augustine, St. Maurice, Valais, Switzerland. Born November 26th 1896. Funeral November 27th.

HACON - On November 24th 1987, peacefully at 'Pentrayes' just before her 90th birthday, Rosalie Mary. Much loved sister to Mary Radcliffe and aunt to Elaine Drake and Susan Thatcher and their families. Sometime Girl Guider Trainer for all India. Funeral service Monday November 30th at 2pm at Powderham Church, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu to: Powderham Church or to the Church Missionary Society c/o 31 Park House Road, Exeter.

HILL - On November 22nd, peacefully Muriel Denise (Denny), at Northwood, late of Westbury Road, Northwood, aged 84 years, a much loved sister of Freda (Peggy) Flint of Dorchester. Cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Monday November 30th at 2.45pm in the West Chapel. Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu may be made to The Manager, Trustee Department, Norwich Union Life Insurance Society, Surrey Street, Norwich, NR1 3NG for the Mount Vernon Hospital Scanner Appeal.

HOPTON - On November 22nd 1987, James Russell, peacefully in St. Barnabas Hospice. Will be greatly missed by wife Gilly, children, Amanda and Miles and his dog Harry. Service at Thakeham Parish Church on Friday November 27th at 3 pm. No flowers but donations if desired, to St Barnabas Hospice, Columbia Drive, Worthing, Sussex.

HUTTON - On November 24th, peacefully at The Lawns, Kempsey, Rosemary Eliot M.B.E., aged 74 years. Formerly of Hampton Bishop. Beloved wife of Dick and mother of Myra and James. Funeral Service at St. Andrew's Church, Hampton Bishop on Tuesday December 1st at 10.30 am. A service of Thanksgiving will be held at Kempsey Church on Tuesday December 15th at 11 am. Flowers to A. V. Bands, Worcester.

KENNARD - On November 23rd 1987, at the Royal United Hospital in Bath, Helen Lee, dearly loved wife of Norris Kennard. Funeral service at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Tuesday December 1st, at 12 noon. Enquiries tel: 0225 22040.

KNIGHT - On November 24th 1987, peacefully at home, after a long illness, Gordon Charles Knight F.R.C.V.S., D.V.R. Formerly of The Royal Veterinary College London. Service at Golder's Green Crematorium (East Chapel) on Tuesday, December 1st at 11.15 am. Flowers to Harrod's Funeral Service 49 Marloes Road, London W8. Tel: 01 937 0372; or if preferred, donations to Guide Dogs for the Blind, Alexandra House, Park Street, Windsor, Berkshire.

LEVENS - On November 20th 1987 in hospital, Francis John (Frank), cherished husband and loving father. Private cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, 1.00 p.m. Monday November 30th. Enquiries and family flowers only by 11.30 a.m., to Longhurst Undertakers, Pound Lane, Epsom, Surrey. Donations in lieu of flowers gratefully accepted by R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, London. Details of Memorial Service, to which all friends are invited, will be announced later.

MULLINS - On November 24th 1987, peacefully at home, Philip Swinburne, beloved husband of Sheila, and father of Christine, Victoria and Jillian. Service at St. Philips Church, Dorridge, Solihull, on Tuesday December 1st, at 11.30 am, followed by private Cremation. Family flowers only please.

PEARL - On November 24th, peacefully in his home after a short illness, Charles (Dickie). Beloved husband of Nana, father of Carolyn and grandfather of James, Robert and Marisa.

PICKETT - On November 25th 1987, Dorothy Mary, aged 90, dearly loved by Mary, Alan, Margaret, Josephine and all her family. Funeral at St. Mildred's Church, Tenterden on Saturday, November 28th at 11.00am. By her request donations in lieu of flowers to: Cancer Research, c/o Barclays Bank, Tenterden.

REDMAYNE - On November 23rd, 1987, at home, Brenda Joy, aged 53, dearly loved wife of Michael mother of Jonathan, George, Thomas and Emma, and daughter of Winifred. Funeral Service at Felsted Parish Church Monday November 30th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but if desired donations may be sent in aid of the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association to Geo. C. Emery & Sons, Funeral Directors of Brook House, Stebbing, Dunmow, Essex.

ROWE - On November 22nd, suddenly, Martin, aged 55 years, dearly loved and tragically missed husband to Ann, father to Simon and Philippa, grandpa to Melanie, Debbie and Nichola, stepfather to Stephen, Peter, Sarah, Rachel and Clare. Funeral Service on Monday 30th November at 12.00 noon at St. Mary's Church, Arthur Road, Wimbledon, SW19, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium at 1.00pm. All enquiries and flowers to the Ashton Funeral Service, 140 Alexandra Road, Wimbledon, SW19. Tel: 01-946 1051. Donations, if desired, to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association or the Salvation Army.

SHERRY - On November 18th, suddenly but peacefully, at home in Streatham Hill, Felix Iain Philip infant son of Mr and Mrs Michael Sherry and brother to Rachel, Nicola, Hannah and Benedict. Funeral private, no flowers please. If desired donations to the Special Care Baby Unit at St. Thomas Hospital, Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1.

SUMNER - On November 20th 1987, Thomas Calvert, formerly headmaster of Edward VI School, Nuneaton, 1961-80, and Archbishop Tenison's School, Kennington Oval, 1961-73. Dearly loved husband of Winifred, father of David and Adrian, loving grandfather and brother. Funeral service St Peter's Church, Caversham, Reading, on Monday November 30th, at 1.00pm. Family flowers only; donations if desired for R.N.I.I. or R.A.F. Benevolent Fund c/o A.B. Walker and Sons Ltd., 36 Eldon Rd, Reading.

THOMPSON - On November 25th 1987, peacefully at Farnham, George Sydney, M.CH. FRCS aged 87 of Exmouth. Beloved husband of the late Nancy, father of Ann and Sally, and Grandfather of Katherine. Funeral private.

TUCKER - On November 23rd 1987, peacefully at his home in Hove, Ernest (John) aged 68 years. Retired Army Officer. Enquiries to Attree and Kent Ltd. 108 Church Road, Hove. Telephone 0273 688228

TURNER - On November 25th 1987, peacefully in Belgate, Harry James Turner, aged 96 years. For 57 years beloved husband of the late Rose. Dearly loved father of Iris, and the late Leslie & devoted grandfather and great-grandfather. A member of The London Stock Exchange for 47 years. Funeral Service on Wednesday, December 2nd, 10.30 am. at The Surrey & Sussex Crematorium. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to The Stock Exchange Benevolent Fund of which he was a committee member for 27 years.

WATNEY - On November 23rd, peacefully at home, after a long illness bravely borne, Antoinette, Funeral at Hampton Cay, at midday on Friday 27th November. Flowers to Jerrams, 108 Oxford Street, Woodstock.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SHEPHERD T.W. - A Thanksgiving Service for the life and work of the Rev T.W. Shepherd, will be held at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday November 28th 1987 at the Church of St Francis, Telels Park, Camberley.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BDA - November 26th, 1968. Remembered with love - Jocelyn.

STEPHENSON CLARKE - On December 9th, A Memorial Service will be held later at Cuckfield Church at 2.30pm. for Robert Nunn, who died on November 17th, father of Marytynn, Roland and Andrewjohn, and husband of his loving wife Maria.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

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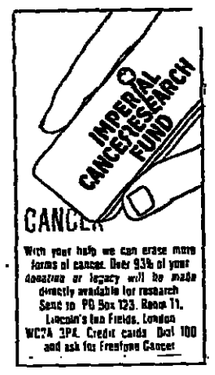
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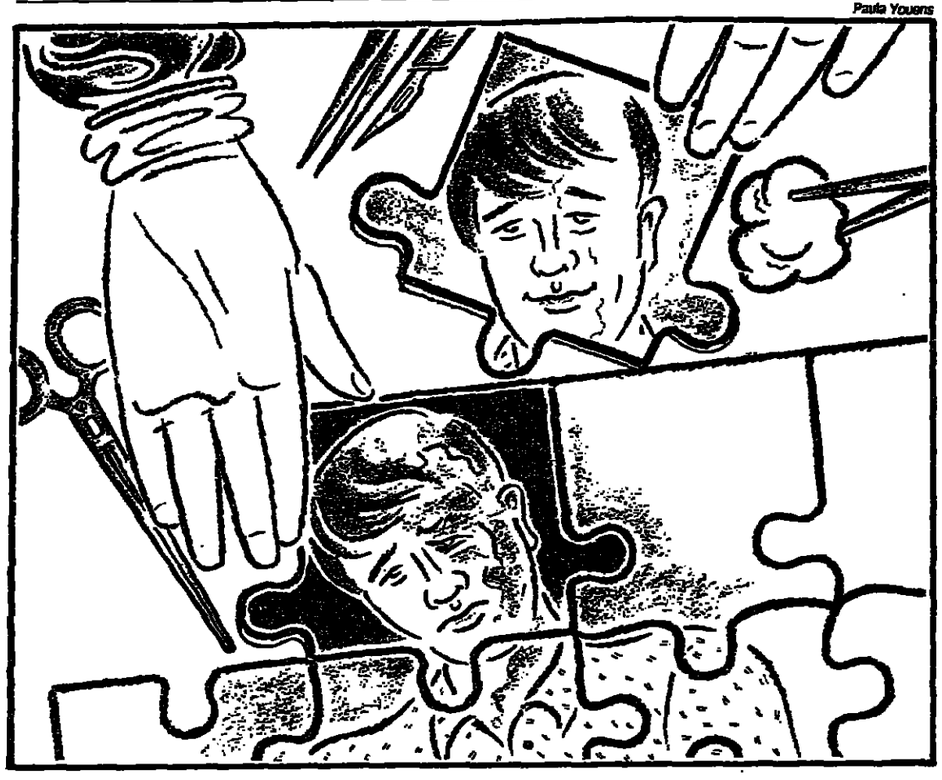
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A tissue of hidden pain

After the King's Cross tragedy, plastic surgery is vital – but not merely for the cosmetic benefits it brings. **Liz Gill** reports

Paula Youens



Disfigurement is the stuff of nightmare. For the victims of the King's Cross fire, the bad dream has no awakening. However skilled the surgeons, the psychological scarring can be as dreadful as the physical.

Medical teams are increasingly aware that it is not enough to rebuild a body, they must also rebuild a life. And this applies whether the patient has been hurt in a national disaster or a domestic accident.

Michael Brough, the consultant plastic surgeon at University College Hospital who is in charge of the care of last week's casualties, says that many difficulties start when the patient is fit enough to face the world.

"Deformities of the face and hands are the biggest problem, because we identify ourselves and

'If you walk down the street with a deformed face normal people do not react normally'

communicate socially with these two features.

"If you walk down the street with a deformed face normal people do not react normally. They have a second look. It's curiosity more than cruelty."

He says it is inevitable that society will grieve more for such a tragedy in a young woman than in other individuals. "Women depend on their looks more. Her loss is greater because she has a long life ahead of her."

But David Harris, a consultant plastic surgeon in Plymouth, has found that old people can find it harder to adapt. "They've lived with their body image for much longer and they find it very difficult to re-adjust. The idea of seeing a different face in the mirror to the one you've grown up with is uncanny and can be devastating.

"Appearance is important to everyone's self-confidence, men's and women's. If you are disfigured, you down-grade your self concept. You feel ugly and ashamed.

"Depression can be severe enough to prompt suicide in some cases. Men who feel sexually unattractive may become impotent, women cease to menstruate. Defence mechanisms may be cosmetic – hair-style, clothing, make-up, beards, dark glasses; or behavioural – hanging one's head, avoiding eye contact, abandoning activities like swimming or going to the beach.

"People become afraid of public places. They become reclusive. Some withdraw into a shell and keep their opinions to themselves. Others draw attention to their deformity or make fun of it before anyone else has the chance to.

"Sometimes the greatest problems are caused by hideable scars. If you have a facial deformity then all you can really do is just get on with life, and people with the resources to do this often fare the best. But where you can hide it people may go to extreme lengths. For instance they may avoid all love-making because they don't want it seen or touched."

The degree of psychological reaction is not always directly related to the severity of the injury, according to Roy Sanders, secretary of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons. "You can have a severe disturbance and a tiny scar and vice versa."

Ability can be as important as appearance, so that injuries such as those to the hands bring their own problems. "Our identity within society as well as our financial status are all very much related to our work and what we can do."

Sanders also believes that the delays in settling legal claims following an accident prolong the

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agony and make it harder for patients to put the ordeal behind them.

With congenital deformity, the situation is different: in a way the surgeon can only improve on nature.

"Of course surgery can help," says Richard Lansdown, a psychologist. "If you are born with no nose and you're given one, then life must be easier. But it's not going to be the answer to all your problems."

Lansdown is part of a team at the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children which helps guide individuals and their families through often complex decisions. The hospital deals with cleft palates, birthmarks and protruding ears as well as rare growth malformations like cleft faces and eye displacement.

These days much weight is given to the child's own opinion: one who is leading a full and happy life may opt to postpone or even decline surgery. "The family plays a vital role. The very best thing is to treat the child normally, not to be either twitchy or over-indulgent."

Family support plays an equally important part in the recovery of adults caught up in a disaster and whose injuries have necessitated plastic surgery. Some marriages break up under the strain, but most experts believe that a previously loving and stable relationship will not collapse. Adults, like children, are not helped by over-indulgence.

"The greatest thing is to be treated normally but with compassionate understanding," Harris says. "It's probably best to mention what happened but to do so in a positive way."

The King's Cross victims are being given psychiatric help but none are yet fit enough for Brough to decide whether it would benefit them to be in touch with one another. This mutual support approach was exemplified by the Guinea Pig Club founded by the pioneering plastic surgeon Sir Archibald McIndoe for the burnt fighter pilots of the Second World War.

"They were all highly-motivated, determined young men," Brough says. "The thing about King's Cross

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or the Bradford fire is that they involved such a wide cross-section of society."

One of Brough's specialties is reconstructive surgery for people who have had radical treatment for facial cancer. But he believes that you can never make comparisons between types of disfigurement. "Plastic surgery patients don't compare themselves with others. They compare themselves with what they were before."

Very few ever say "enough is enough", except after an enormous number of operations. "Someone who has had 60 may decide that the minor improvements the 61st will bring are not worth the bother."

Enormous strides are now being made in the field, particularly in micro-vascular surgery where a much thicker layer of skin is taken from one part of the body to another, and which involves an intricate joining up of blood vessels. But much more research is needed on skin culture and grafting from one person to another. The frivolous image that many hold of plastic surgery has affected resources in this country.

Brough believes that disasters bring an extra dimension of tragedy to the victim: "It's not just that you are injured so terribly yourself, but that you saw maybe 30 burned bodies around you. It's the magnitude of the horror."

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Losing sight of priorities?

There are fears that the end of free eye tests will lead to an increase in glaucoma

The abolition of free eye tests, proposed in yesterday's White Paper on Primary Health Care, is already worrying many opticians. The tests have been the main means of detecting glaucoma, a chronic disease of the eye and the major cause of preventable blindness. If discovered early enough, it can be controlled and blindness avoided.

Glaucoma is a progressive build-up of pressure inside the eyeball and the two most common types are the "chronic" form, which builds gradually and for which there are no symptoms until at least some sight has been irretrievably lost, and the "acute" form, when the eye becomes painful and red with a hazy surface and misty vision. In most cases it can be controlled with tablets, laser treatment or an operation.

There are 130,000 diagnosed sufferers in the UK but another estimated 150,000 people are unaware that they have the disease and are slowly losing their sight. Yet few people are aware of its existence or of the simple tests at present available for its detection at most opticians.

Ronald Pitts Crick, ophthalmic consultant at King's College Hospital, London, says of the White Paper's proposal: "This will certainly be a disincentive for people to have their eyes tested and those on a limited income would postpone going to an optician. This would reduce the opportunity of early detection and figures would certainly rise. At present all our efforts are directed at encouraging early detection but this would be impossible."

Glaucoma, he says, "is a Cinderella subject – even some of my colleagues think it's rather tedious because it doesn't have the drama of cataract, where you operate, the patient can see again and everyone is very pleased. Glaucoma means repeated tests and daily eye-drops, treatment that can be lacklustre even for patients, because they can't see immediate results.

"It's an insidious disease because there are usually no warning symptoms in the early stages and it's possible to lose a considerable amount of field of vision before realizing there is a problem."

It was to combat this lack of public knowledge about the disease and to help those who had it that Pitts Crick and his colleagues at King's formed the International Glaucoma Association in 1974. Today the IGA has 8,000 members, publishes informative literature, gives grants for research and answers 200 postal queries a week from sufferers.

This year a group from the IGA met MPs at the House of Commons and a sub-committee was formed to try to persuade the Department of Health to make it obligatory under NHS testing for glasses for an optician to carry out the three glaucoma tests: to examine the optic nerve, measure pressure and test field of vision.

"I think some opticians and ophthalmic practitioners don't want to get involved because the tests do extend the length of time required and they have no recognition of this from the government," Pitts Crick says.

But some opticians are concerned about the public's lack of knowledge. "I think we probably could do more to publicize it," one admits. "We are missing people – but I'm not quite sure how to reach them."

Often, he says, people do not want to find out if there is something wrong. "I would like GPs to encourage patients to go for regular eye checks."

Since Australia brought in glaucoma screening 10 years ago, the number of cases of blindness has been halved. In Germany, 80 per cent of sufferers are diagnosed, 77 per cent in Sweden. In the UK it is only 50 per cent and glaucoma is responsible for 13 per cent of those on the Blind Register in England and Wales.

"It is intolerable that more is not being done, because this blindness could in most cases have been prevented by early detection and good treatment," Pitts Crick says.

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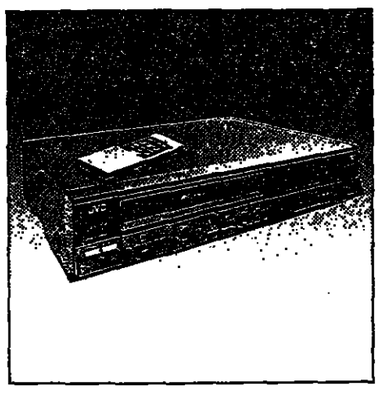
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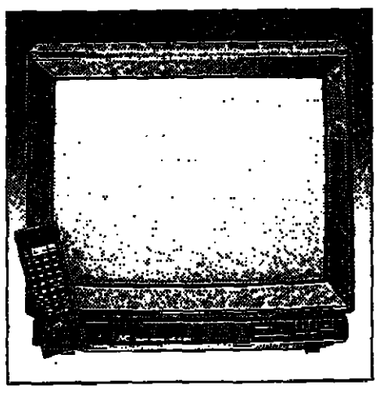


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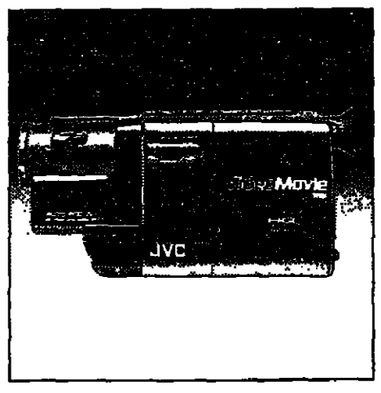
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Cheerful news for drinkers

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Just as Robert Mondavi, one of California's largest and most revered wine producers, has launched a crusade against health alarmists' attacks on drinking alcohol, and has even renamed his salesmen "missionaries", the *New England Journal of Medicine* correspondence column has been filled with letters about the relationship between alcohol consumption and some malignant diseases. Mondavi believes that drinking wine, far from being a dangerous pursuit, is part of our cultural heritage; his view has received some support from two recent letters to the journal.

Research workers from Gothenburg in Sweden have criticized much of the evidence linking breast cancer with alcohol consumption and condemned the conclusions as being statistically unsound. In a major study (with greater numbers of the population) carried out in Gothenburg, no link between alcohol and cancer of the breast was found.

Mondavi's other good news comes from the Veterans' Medical Centre in New York; it points out that if there is any slight evidence from earlier studies linking cancer of the breast and colon to alcohol consumption, it didn't apply to wine drinkers. It also *suggested that the sulphite added to wine* to prevent discolouration and spoilage may protect from cancer even if it causes asthma and runny noses in those people who are allergic to wine.

Theatre booking

The case of David Barber, the Birmingham hole-in-the-heart baby, illustrates the difficulty in allocating theatre time when resources are limited. Inevitably the authorities sometimes make mistakes in assessing patients' needs, as happened in a London teaching hospital this year when a young patient with Marfans disease had his operation postponed twice, only to die while waiting to go to the theatre for the third attempt.

Marfans disease is an hereditary complaint affecting connective tissue. It results in abnormalities of the eyes, the heart and blood vessels, bones and joints. The patients are very thin, tall and stooping, "pigeon" or "cobbler" chested, with exceptionally loose joints and long arms, with the measurements of the outstretched arms being greater than the patient's height.

If the trouble affects the wall of the aorta, the great vessel leading from the heart, it can cause it to split or even rupture. The teaching hospital's patient was a petrol-pump attendant who suddenly developed anginal chest pain when a split in his aorta interfered with the blood supply to his coronary arteries. He was admitted to hospital and prepared for emergency surgery. His family were warned that he might not recover.

Before surgeons could start operating, the theatre was needed for somebody else. Finally, after another abortive attempt, he was prepared for surgery, given his pre-med and a television set. He leaned out to change the channel, and died. The only slight consolation is that the surgery, even if it had been immediately successful, would have been a short-term measure, and his outlook in any case was bleak.

Royal example



The news that the Queen has undergone routine breast screening at the Middlesex Hospital has added weight to the campaign to persuade all women between the ages of 50 and 64 (the Queen is 61) to have routine mammography every three years. The DHSS plans to introduce the service next year.

The Middlesex Hospital's breast unit has another patient of whom it is proud: a 98-year-old widow who clearly illustrates the advantages of early surgery on cancer of the breast. Surgeons at the hospital removed her right breast in 1945, but in 1978 she developed a new and unrelated growth on the left side, and underwent a second mastectomy. She is now in excellent health, looks after herself in Islington, and enjoys life to the full. She is looking forward to receiving a birthday telegram in two years from the Middlesex Hospital's rather more famous patient.

Tense time



As the premenstrual syndrome affects 90 per cent of women, the London broadcasting station which is launching a scheme to study it should have no trouble finding the 3,000 volunteers it needs. Premenstrual syndrome is a new term for premenstrual tension (PMT), a condition which, although only labelled 60 years ago, has been recognized by women and their partners for centuries.

They have noticed that a woman who is usually well-oriented, calm and reasonable, can become irritable, tense, depressed, exhausted and shaky on the days leading up to a period. Accompanying physical signs include breast pain, bloating, weight gain, constipation and excessive hunger. Care must be taken to exclude from the diagnosis those patients in whom there is no symptom-free time of at least a week after the period, when most women return to their old, sunny selves. Many psychiatric conditions become worse before a period.

Michael Read, a gynaecologist in Gloucester, has recently reviewed treatment for PMS in *Mims* magazine. Kindly acceptance of PMS by a woman's partner, with reassurance from her doctor that her troubles are common, helps most women. But when specific symptoms persist, they can be tackled in four different ways: by using diuretics, usually spironolactone; hormones, often progesterone preparations or a trial of the Pill are worthwhile; Vitamin B6; the anti-prostaglandins, usually mesenamic acid (Ponstan), or a prostaglandin precursor, oil of primrose (Efanol), is also frequently found to be useful.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Perrier has asked us to emphasize that the figure of 24.9 mg per litre quoted as the nitrate content of their natural mineral water (*Drinking in the bottled waters*, November 12) by John Dickinson, managing director of SPAdel, came from an analysis carried out for his company. Perrier's own analysis shows the nitrate level as 3.6 mg per litre.

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Sad El Sid: punny man

Peter Ackroyd reviews the Grouchoness of a comic laughing in the dark

S.J. PERELMAN
By Dorothy Herrmann
Simon & Schuster, £14.95

DON'T TREAD ON ME
The Selected Letters of S.J. Perelman
Edited by Prudence Crowther
Viking, £14.95

S.J. Perelman was known to his intimates as "Sid" – the name may not sound quite appropriate for the only son of Russian Jewish immigrants, but it does at least suggest that flashy urban quality which was an unmistakeable aspect of his comic style. He was not always urban, however; like all American writers he was born in Brooklyn, but he had the good fortune to be raised on a chicken farm in New England. All his life he hated the sight of those birds, but it must have improved his comic sense.

He did not begin as a writer. His first employment, in the Twenties, was as a cartoonist – "Was your cousin driving fast before the crash?" "Fast? He was driving so fast that the Pekinese in the seat beside him looked like a dachshund." – but he quickly went from the writing of snappy captions to the more extended discipline of narrative, learning in the process that he could take the absurdity of his one-liners and construct from it a dizzying spiral of puns, misapprehensions, and non-sequiturs.

It was in this spirit that he called his first novel *Through the Fallopian Tubes on a Bicycle*; but, wisely, his publishers objected. A less grim title did not prove a success; and Perelman turned to script-writing, thus heralding his famous association with the Marx Brothers. Although his somewhat sardonic features (improved, if only marginally, by a toothbrush moustache) bore a striking resemblance to those of Groucho Marx, the two men did not love one another as good *doppelgängers* should. Perelman was later to say of the association (which at least brought forth Monkey Business and Horse Feathers): "Anybody who ever worked on a picture for the Marx Brothers said he would rather be chained to a galley oar and lashed at ten minute intervals than ever work for those sons-of-bitches again."

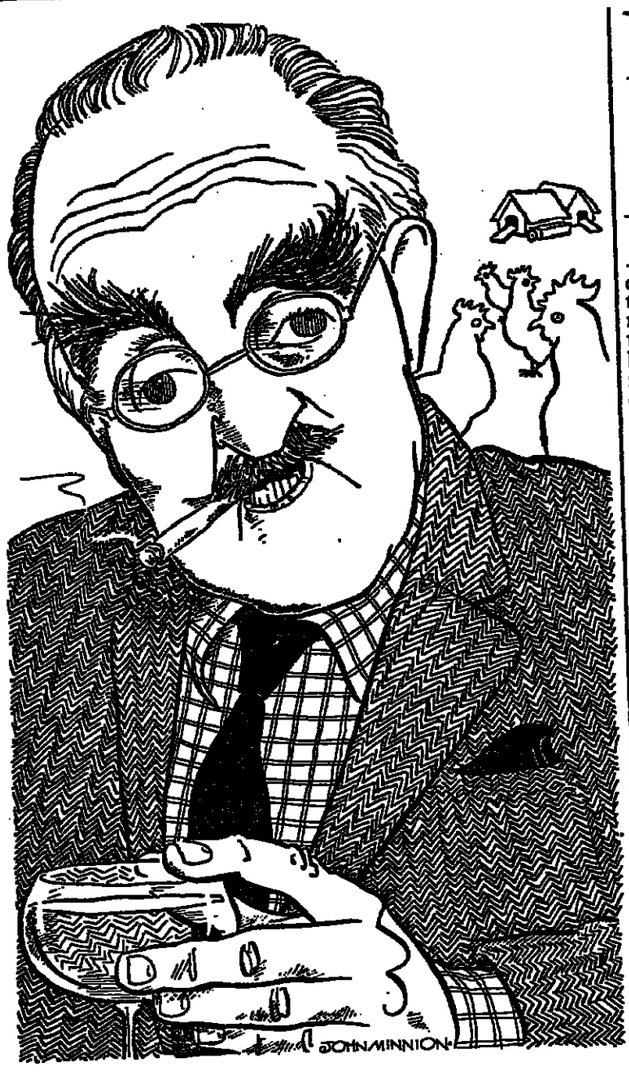
But he was to return to script-writing at frequent intervals, varying what seemed to him to be an unpleasantly forced Hollywood diet with essays for *The New Yorker*. His humour was unmistakeable – "I've got Bright's disease and he's got mine" being one of the earlier specimens – but, as he was soon to realize, the lot of a comic writer is not necessarily a humorous one. As one reviewer commented, with perhaps more acumen than he intended, "Only Perelman's standing as a humourist prevents these essays from being taken seriously." That of course is the problem.

In fact the only light thing about him was his style. He was a genuine original as a writer – clever, innovative, distinctive. He was a master of parody, which is as close as anyone can really get to being a great critic, and a comic genius who combined the free fall of a James Joyce with the wisecracks of a Woody Allen. The effect of reading him is rather like that of opening a Christmas cracker, and then finding inside a quotation from T.S. Eliot. He also had a gift for titles – *Under the Spreading Atrophy, The Ill-Tempered Clavichord, Smiling the Boy Fell Dead*, and *Baby It's Cold Inside* being just a few of them.

He was so much a master of language that he felt at home . . where else; and so strongly were his emotions formed within words that he rarely had any left for the outside world. It is true that we cannot expect humorous writers to be particularly comic "in the flesh", but, on the evidence of Dorothy Herrmann's biography, Perelman seems to have been uniquely disagreeable. He often gave the impression of being a cold or somewhat distant man, and Herrmann describes him in his later years as "increasingly irascible and subject to prolonged bouts of melancholia". According to his friends he showed all the signs of manic depression and paranoia, but, on the other hand, what writer doesn't? More significantly, he was something of a lecher and, to quote what is perhaps the most depressing sentence in the English language, "He was fine until it came to money."

His selected correspondence tells a slighly different story – in fact he emerges from them as an agreeable old gent – but of course the letters of writers are rarely to be trusted: on most occasions they are addressed to posterity rather than the correspondent. Certainly Perelman knew how to keep up appearances: he was always well-dressed (his pronounced Anglophilia steering him towards the English style of costume), and it was as if he were staying: "Don't touch me. Please don't mess up my suit."

The record of his last years is a distressing one, since it offers once again the spectacle of a writer who believes that he has failed while at the same time desperately trying to prove himself wrong. But the narrative of his later writing, his travels, his attempts at journalism really only confirms the abiding impression of a writer who was characteristically forced to lead a desperate and rather make-shift creative life. It is significant that he could never write anything longer than a comic essay, and there is a sense in which throughout his life he remained a nervous bundle of continuously thwarted aspirations. He tried everything at least once – with novels, scripts, essays, revues, and plays – and failed almost as often. His great gifts were constantly being diverted towards Hollywood or the glossier magazines, and the condition (or conditioning) of American culture simply intensified his already native habit of scattering his shot in every possible direction. He was a very funny man but, on the evidence of both these books, his was always laughter in the dark.



Naff suburbs of the heart

FICTION
Chris Petit

THE UNDERBELLY
By Duncan Fallowell
Macmillan, £10.95

THE GOLDEN DROPLET
By Michael Tournier
Translated by Barbara Wright
Collins, £10.95

SAINT HIROSHIMA
By Leigh Kennedy
Bloomsbury, £11.95

Love-hate rules OK behind discreet façades in Fallowell's English middle-class suburbia, where the twitch of an antimacassar reveals seething sexual frustration. Enter Derek, proverbial long-lost relation, 17 and a bit rough classwise, otherwise quite soft in spite of inner-city rearing and vandals for pals. While this delicate yob lends his body to retired majors and energetic housewives, the space marked Derek's brain is borrowed by Fallowell for purposes of elegant slumming and calculated provocation.

The author's pose and prose is that of Dandy as cosh-boy, and both are at their best in sequences – such as the long and horrendous drinks party ("Do have a nibble") – where the writing attains the sort of frenzied detachment found in the drawings of Steadman or Scarfe. Fallowell's fascination too is with the geometry of disgust. Surprising then that he lets messy tendernesses intrude into the cosy Oedipal relationship developing between Derek and his surrogate mum.

Efforts to avoid suburban boredom make Fallowell try everything from bullying to snobbery. A Flashman no less, nonetheless an entertaining one, especially when swingeing at the hellish naffness of it all, terrorizing the genteel assumptions of suburban style. But this fear of boredom prompts so many diversions that *The Underbelly* ends up in curious imitation of the suburbia it describes – full of crescents, *culs-de-sac*, and embellishment that is the literary equivalent of a suburban carriage-lamp. Yet, for all the brass front, there lurks a pulpy, quite unEnglish core.

If Fallowell's suburbia owes something to Orton, in *The Golden Droplet* Michel Tournier's Paris suggests Celine: "It's us wogs who've made modern France. Three thousand miles of autoroute," the newly arrived Idris is told with some justification by his Berber cousin.

Idris is lured from the Sahara by the rich promises of the Occident – work, money, platinum blondes – and finds only dusty illusions. Idris is innocence abroad: travelling only with a tiny talisman – *la goutte d'or* of the book's title – which is lost with his virginity to a Marseilles whore; the Goutte D'Or turns out to be a Paris slum as well.

Idris arrives in Paris on a fool's errand to retrieve a photograph of himself taken in the desert by a blonde tourist. This particular quest, which is about spiritual theft too, involves Idris in many misreadings (in its modern way this book is all about "signs"). The enclosed world and tinny blare of Paris offers not an unfolding experience, as in the desert, but a series of episodes that repeat or mirror the trap initiated by the blonde with the Kodak. Idris's image is taken (from him) many times – he finds himself an extra in a television commercial, for instance – until he becomes the ultimate slave of the display: the model for a shop-window dummy.

Paris becomes a strange and hostile desert that Idris must cross without choking on a surfeit of waste and images, but how Tournier makes him almost magically exempt from the corrupting power of these images and their purveyors is altogether delightfully unpredictable.

Saint Hiroshima occurs under the shadow of the Bomb. Two young lovers spend a fortnight in a nuclear fall-out shelter thinking that what's left outside of Colorado has been fried.

No doubt such occurrences will be commonplaces of the near future. But here the year is 1962. After such an appalling and dank intimacy, which is related with a thoroughly clammy conviction, the two can only separate. Like them, Leigh Kennedy's novel never quite recovers from the trauma; but as the threat of the Big One diminishes, she effectively switches our attention to the slackening elastic of people's lives.

NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

Abstract Expressionism, edited by Michael Auping (Thames & Hudson, £36) The development of the postwar avant-garde.
Cambridge, by Douglas Ferguson, Dona Haycraft & Nick Segal (Covent Garden Press, £19.95) Richly illustrated history of the silver city from foundation of the university by refugee clerks from Oxenford down to the recent high tech phenomenon.
Corruptions of Empire, by Alexander Cockburn (Verso, £14.95) Collected pieces by clever, sardonic radical.
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Mahler Remembered, by Norman Lebrecht (Faber, £15, paperback, £6.95) Man and musician by contemporaries.
Thy Hand Great Anarch!, by Nirad C. Chaudhuri (Chatto & Windus, £25) India public and private 1921-1952, contentious but fair, wise and witty journey to independence.
Understanding Plato, by David J. Melling (Oxford, £15, paperback, £4.95) Introduction to Plato's work and world.

Babel, with graphics

Robert Burchfield

THE CAMBRIDGE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF LANGUAGE
By David Crystal
Cambridge, £25

'A mountain of postulates, a pyramid of tabulations'

Words, words, words



This is a book about the world's languages, and about language itself as an instrument of communication, observed, as it were, from a space shuttle. Everything and anything linguistic, or related to linguistics, that is detectable on planet Earth qualifies for scrutiny. Not much of it is written in ordinary prose: it is a massive collage of boxes, tables, maps, and diagrams, minimally explained in columns of uneven width.

The first surprise is the abandonment of alphabetical order. The arrangement is thematic, leading off with "Popular ideas about language", typically headed by three illustrations: a disputation between three medieval doctors, a ritual debate conducted by some Rotinese elders (from eastern Indonesia), and two people pretending to argue about the significance of something on the screen of a personal computer. Popular misconceptions about language are dismissed with gusto:

Every culture which has been investigated . . . turns out to have a fully developed language, with a complexity comparable to those of the so-called "civilized" nations.

This equality-of-grammar argument is supported by a picture of a Navaho Indian chief, a representation of the Roman goddess Fortuna, and a box containing some sample sentences from American Indian languages like Wishram.

Tables show the frequency of letters of the alphabet in American English (e, t, a down to q, x and z), and the "lexical top twenties" (in French the commonest word is *de* and the twentieth commonest is *se*, in German *der* and *DDR*, in written English *the* and *his*, and in spoken English *the* and *for*). The pattern continues in each of the 11 sections.

There are tables everywhere – the names of all known artificial languages, the names of more than a thousand "official" languages of the world, syllabaries (Chinese, Katakana, Cherokee, etc.), alphabetic scripts, the 850 words of Basic English, shorthand systems. Cheek by jowl with these are advertisements relying for their effect on mis-spelling (BEANZ BUILDZ KIDZ) and poems typographically arranged to fit the subject matter (e.g. a poem called "The Suicide" with the words *cogito ergo boom* arranged in an erratically suspended manner). The sheer pulverizing power of the documentation is staggering.

The book is an ingenious *tour de force*, a mountain of postulates, a pyramid of tabulations. There comes a time, however, when the method of presentation can be called into question. I visited Poland recently. There I encountered daunting combinations of consonants that emerge in the Polish language as very distinctive "shushing" and "jushing" sounds. They were used with prodigious effect in a stage presentation of the musical show *My Fair Lady* in Polish. The lyric "The Rain in Spain" used the Polish equivalent of "drizzle", a delectable concoction of consonantal sounds. I naturally turned to the encyclopedia for further information about the language. It all turned out to be peripheral. Polish is a West Slavonic language. Ludwig Zamenhof spoke Polish as well as some other languages. Polish is a minority language in the United States. It has *faux amis* like *karawan*, which means "hearse" not "caravan". It took 12 bites at the cherry to acquire 12 pieces of unrelated information about Polish. I yearned for the neatness and discipline of an alphabetical arrangement.

Alas, poor *OED!* It's a case of now you see it, now you don't. It appears wraithlike three times in the whole book. David Crystal's true love is revealed in Part VIII, "Language, brain and handicap". There are 25 pages of text criss-crossed by dramatic pictures: handicapped people in front of various kinds of gadgetry, brains (all parts carefully labelled and their anatomical functions indicated), tongues, cleft lips and palates, laryngeal abnormalities. It is riveting informative even if a touch disproportionate.

This remarkable book shows fashionable *fin-de-siècle* linguistics in a classical manner. It is fashionable for linguistic scholars to place great emphasis on the magic of languages spoken by Amerindians and other aboriginal peoples. It is also fashionable to place body language ("eyebrow flashing", "being humble", "tick-tack talk", "the amplified handshake") on a par with lexicographical and syntactic matters of much more apparent significance. So be it. David Crystal will certainly, and deservedly, receive much acclaim from the brotherhood of modern linguistic scholars for this stunningly diverse linguistic menu. Historical linguistics will need to bide its time for a different stab at the same menu.

In the shady world

Anthony Cavendish

A WEB OF DECEPTION
By Chapman Pincher
Sidgwick & Jackson, £12.95

It is refreshing to find that in this latest ego-trip Chapman Pincher is on the defensive. His new book is in many ways an apologia for his previous book published only six months ago, in which he alleged that the late Sir Maurice Oldfield was an active homosexual who enjoyed young male prostitutes of the rough trade.

What many people in Intelligence circles as well as friends and relations of Oldfield found shattering was that Pincher should have the gall to include his allegations about Oldfield in a book entitled *Traitors*. In this new book he sticks to the facts when he refers to his disclosure on page 157 that Oldfield had been no more than "a secret homosexual", and that he had lied in his positive vetting procedures. Pincher states that this came to the notice of the authorities while Oldfield was working in Northern Ireland; but what he does not state is that it came to their notice because Oldfield had decided he owed it to the Prime Minister to reveal the true position and to resign, for fear the knowledge should become public and embarrass the Government after a smear campaign against him. All mention of the rough trade is omitted. No doubt because various investigations, including a documentary by Channel 4 television, have shown them to be false.

I am glad that in this book Pincher quotes Mrs Thatcher's statement that from time to time Oldfield had engaged in homosexual activities and that his positive vetting clearance had been withdrawn. Since then the highest in the land have written that "Oldfield's patriotism and loyalty were beyond question."

The book tells us little that is new, but gives Pincher's account of how he got involved with Peter Wright, which led to Pincher's earlier book based mainly on information from Wright. Pincher has been sensitive in the past to accusations that he paid Wright for his information, and he goes to great lengths to explain how it was that the royalties on the book were shared between them in an agreement with the publisher. I suppose this is all a point of view.

Obviously it is Government policy to permit writers without inside knowledge to write about intelligence matters because they can always be denied. But a situation in which writers can line their pockets by attacking the dead, cannot be right.

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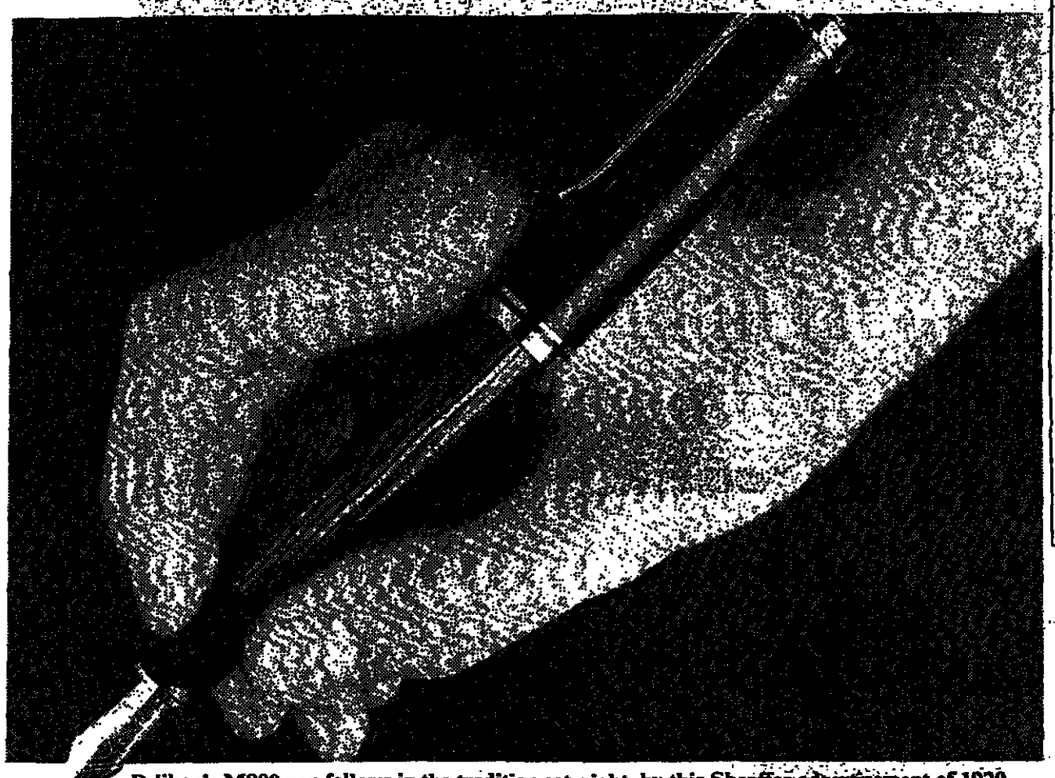
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A SPECIAL REPORT
By Anthony Cox
Titles by Lilly Lee

A statement of style

There's more to the written word than the information it gives; the way it is written, and the pen used, can reveal a lot about you

Jill Formanovsky



Pelikan's M800 pen follows in the tradition set, right, by this Sheaffer advertisement of 1920

The fountain pen is no longer simply a writing instrument: it has become a sophisticated fashion accessory, *claims Sue Coleman*, marketing director of Sheaffer Pen (UK). A pen says more about you than any number of words you write with it. It is, says Miss Coleman, a "style statement".

A lot of people are obviously ready to make their mark with a quality pen – the UK market is worth around £80 million a year. Traditionally, it was a gift market; the boxed pen made an ideal present. Today, however, Miss Coleman sees a shift towards "self-purchase". She says: "*A fine pen is something* to desire. You can buy one as a way of rewarding yourself."

The quality fountain pen *market grows year by year.* "*The £50-plus sector* is particularly strong, and £100-plus is strong," says Miss Coleman. "We see no resistance to price, given value for money. Ballpoint pens also sell well and the market for propelling pencils remains steady – particularly with accountants.

"It is definitely a discerning market in which the buyer seeks value for money."

Fountain pen buyers are also getting younger. Once, the *pen market* was almost the preserve of those aged 25 to 50, but now the habit starts earlier. Young urban professionals lead the way, following their rediscovery of the fountain pen as a means of personal expression and a way of staking a claim to be taken seriously.

"Our pens are established but not Establishment," says Miss Coleman. "They give people a chance to express their personality."

Sheaffer dominates the *market for pens costing* £20-£50, but its range goes up to the solid gold "Masterpiece" at £2,500. Most of the quality *pen manufacturers have a* similar spread of prices.

This range is under constant review. Miss Coleman's marketing team keeps a keen eye on fashion trends and on the activities of the competition – Parker, Watermans, Cross, Pelikan, Mont Blanc, Dunhill and Lamy. "Our research is not just into the pen market. We also look at trends in colour, style, materials and so on," she says.

Perhaps none of this is surprising. Fountain pens are probably as technically efficient as they will ever be, and there is little to choose, on those grounds, between the products of the different manufacturers. What is left, of course, is *image* – and the pen companies are giving that the hard sell.

"The mood of the moment is an enthusiasm for more classic styling. Nostalgia for the 1920s has been increasing *in popularity* for two years," says Miss Coleman.

The company responded to this by introducing the "Connaisseur", a substantial, masculine pen "designed to appeal primarily to the professional customer who is looking for a product that expresses achievement, taste and style".

Miss Coleman, her admitted self-interest apart, would like to see people owning more than one fountain pen. She has a personal pen "wardrobe" and selects the right one to match her clothes. "Everyone needs two or three pens," she says, "but enthusiasts will own a dozen or more."

For those who are unsure and lacking confidence to invest in this area of personal style, Miss Coleman has some basic guidance. "Black", she advises, "is a safe purchase."

The Parker Pen company, which takes three weeks to process a gold nib, boasts: "The exclusive fountain pen comes top of the fashion league. It appears to be overtaking Gucci loafers and Filofaxes as the latest yuppie accessory."

Even its low-cost "Vector Mode Collection" was reportedly developed "using the expertise of leading Parisian fashion colour predictors".

> "The mood of the moment is an enthusiasm for more classic styling"

The now-British company, which sells about 50 million pens a year, agrees that fountain pen sales are booming. It gives some of the credit to "an apparent revolt against the impersonal, cold face of the typewritten, processed word".

Parker's range extends from £5 to £2,000, and the company claims the sale of more than 40 per cent of all non-disposable pens in the UK.

Tony Murphy, sales director of Sheaffer and Parker's distributors in the West German Pelikan fountain pens (range £15.50 to £385), puts current taste a little later than Sheaffer and Parker. He says: "We found there was a strong requirement for the older-style pens of the 1930s.

"It was decided to reintroduce these traditional fountain pens using modern manufacturing techniques, but retaining the Pelikan beak screw-on cap, open nibs and pump-action filling mechanism. The pens have been welcomed and sales are most promising."

Nick Lee, general manager of A. T. Cross (range £35.50-£1,750), also agrees that the quality market is buoyant.

Emphasizing the fashion aspect of pen purchase he says: "We believe that a quality writing instrument is as much a fashion accessory as jewellery. A pen is part of a person's image, an extension of their personality."

Mr Lee also argues: "The 1980s lifestyle is more disciplined than the 1960s, when it was the *in*-thing to be unconventional and sloppy, and if you were successful it was unfashionable to show it. Nowadays, people are no longer embarrassed at showing their success."

The expensive pen provides an easy way of showing that off. Mr Lee believes that in the computer age, "adults are rediscovering a pride in their own handwriting".

The Waterman company has also declared its faith in "old" fashion. It says: "The general pen trend in 1987 is towards the more traditional and classic-looking writing instruments. For men that means the classic black or the perennial streamlined tortoise-shell, and for women the compact and streamlined 'Lady' pens, styled to a 1912 design."

Waterman (range £1.99-£5,000) is the company that boasts a "strong grip" on the top end of the market – which is not surprising because it markets Britain's most expensive pen. It says there are no real trends in pen size, that it is a myth that chunky pens are more in vogue.

If that is true, it is bad news for Mont Blanc, the West German company whose best-known, distinctive and heavy-weight pen, the *Meisterstuck*, looks like a black lacquered Havana cigar. The Mont Blanc *range*, however, runs from thick to thin and from £19 to £3,500, and like most manufacturers the company is confident of meeting people's differing style needs.

Mont Blanc is part of the Dunhill group, which also markets its own Alfred Dunhill pens as superior accessories for English gentlemen. These pens start at a higher price, £82, than those of other companies, but they go up only to £1,730.

The West German Lamy pen designers (top of the range a mere £63) eschew nostalgia. "Lamy products are designed to shape and advance market preferences rather than the copying of yesteryear," says Leonard Kemp, of Posh Pens, Lamy's UK distributors.

It seems to work. "Progress has been continuous. In each of the last three years sales increased by some 25 per cent," says Mr Kemp.

Peter Woolf, who sells only what he considers the best from his Penfriend shop in Bush House, just off Strand in central London, is somewhat sceptical of claims that what matters in a fountain pen is its usefulness as a fashion accessory. "I always think of them as fine writing instruments," he says.



You can teach yourself *italic*

You can teach yourself to write in italic, promises Fiona Greenwood, of the Society for Italic Handwriting. Such an encouraging thought is essential. "There are," she says, "a lot of calligraphy evening classes, but I think handwriting classes are more difficult to find."

Mrs Greenwood adds: "One has to make the distinction between italic handwriting and calligraphy clear. People are often muddled about the difference, although, of course, the two over-lap."

The society exists to promote italic handwriting as "a simple, modern and elegant way to write. It is simple enough to be taught to children, and modern enough for the needs of today. Its elegant letter-forms also offer the pleasure of craftsmanship to the discriminating writer".

As befits such an inviting prospect, membership of the society, which has about 1,000 members, "is open to anyone who wishes to join".

Mrs Greenwood says: "The italic hand is not dependent on a square-edged nib and a fountain pen – the thicks and thins which *an italic pen* adds, contribute a subtlety and elegance – but the italic style is fundamentally based on the *letter shapes*, rather compressed and with an oval O, and the cursive 'flow', rather than on special pens."

***Inexpensive italic pen sets* suitable for beginners, and instructional leaflets, are available from Osmiroid (Mrs Greenwood's preference), Pelikan, Platignum, Rotring and Sheaffer.**

Peter Halliday, past chairman of the Society of Scribes and Illuminators, says that handwriting is "a fairly minor interest" of his organization. Its primary concern is in maintaining high standards of calligraphy and lettering.

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Peter Woolf always sizes up fountain pen-buyers

Writer's museum

Peter Woolf has a motto: "Never throw anything away." That is good advice when you *look at the prices refurbished* fountain pens are fetching. A workaday pen costing five shillings (25p) in the 1930s now sells for up to £60.

"I can't tell you how many people have said to me, 'I had a drawerful and I threw them away'," says Mr Woolf.

He claims that his shop, Penfriend, in Bush House Arcade, just off the Strand, *London, is Europe's largest in*dependent pen restorer. "We change nibs, we grind nibs to suit individual hands, we replace feeds, collectors, connectors, barrels, clips," he says. "The one clip we cannot provide," he admits sadly, "is for the Parker 51. Spares are no longer available. I use a Parker 51. In my opinion it is *the best writing implement* ever made."

Mr Woolf has an encyclopaedic knowledge of penmanship. His shop, a fascinating place, is part *modern* retail pen outlet and part curiosity shop. "This is the heart of fountain pen land. Around here in the 1930s you had the offices of Conway-Stewart, Waterman, Swan and Parker," he said.

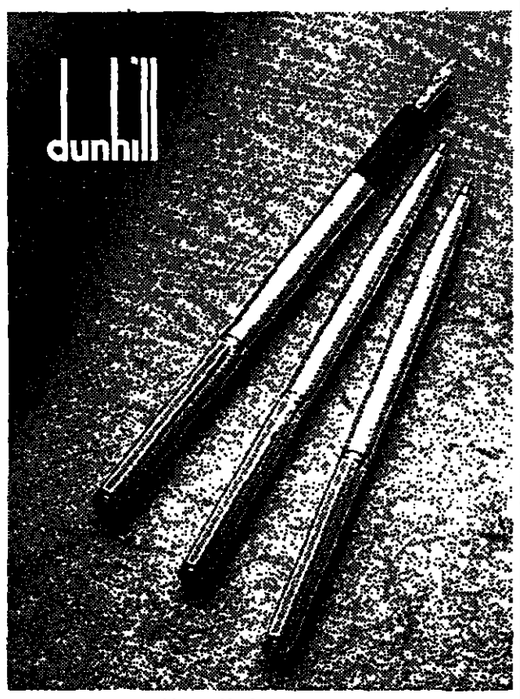
"Anything unusual and interesting I try to feature in the shop," said Mr Woolf, gesturing at quills, travelling inkwells, *early pencil sharpeners*, bizarre cigarette holders, early surgical instruments, walking sticks and silver propelling pencils made by the 19th-century inventor Sampson Mordant. "I am a fanatical collector of anything unusual," he says. He shows a telescopic skirt-lifter, used to raise crinoline hems above the mudline.

Items from stock are often borrowed by TV and film studios to give authenticity to period productions.

The shop's staff – about 15, including "pen mechanics" – *take trouble* to ensure that people get the right pen. Mr Woolf says he looks first at the *size* of a customer's hands. "I then look at the grip, its tightness and place on the pen's barrel, at the angle they hold it, the height of the trajectory *that they have and then at* how the point hits the paper."

Mr Woolf confidently declares his faith in the fountain pen: "We sell *five or six* fountain pens for every ballpoint."

● *Peter Woolf is a member of the Writing Equipment Society (175a Ulverley Green Road, Solihull, West Midlands B92 8AA), which was formed in 1980 to encourage the conservation and study of writing instruments and accessories*



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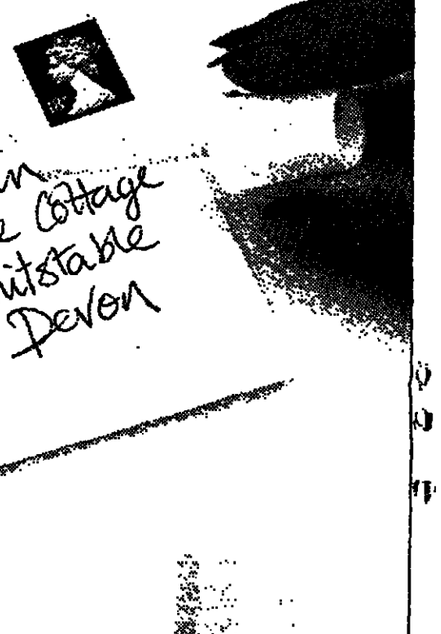
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The head teacher who puts his name to handwriting

Brian Walker is a most unusual head teacher: he has put handwriting on the timetable at his West Yorkshire school. "Mind you, we don't go overboard," said Mr Walker, of Kinsley Middle School, near Pontefract. "I give my nine to 10 year-olds half an hour a week and the 10 to 11 year-olds one hour a week. But they are formal lessons.

"The policy is to develop a fluent cursive hand which will withstand the pressures of the writing that children have to do, particularly as they move up the age range. In the high school they're under considerable pressure. It's important to teach the mechanics of handwriting so that children's writing won't break down under speed.

"If you teach handwriting fluency right from the start it doesn't kill off creativity.

"We've come through a transition period from the early 1960s, when creative expression was in full swing — and I was a part of that — when it didn't matter how children wrote so long as they got their ideas down on paper. That was a fallacy, and it caused a lot of problems which we're having to put right now."

After the first two years of formal classes, the children are on their own. However, Mr Walker expects his teaching staff to follow up his handwriting work in their own classes.

Mr Walker said: "There is so much talk about the teaching of handwriting but very little talk about how that integrates with the rest of the curriculum. I'd like to think that we are developing that.

"We have an English policy which is based on language and literature, a fiction-based approach to language. Every class has its own novel, and English — and history, geography and art — work will come out of it.

"A great deal of good language work comes out of that fiction-based approach. We have trained children to go through creative processes of drafting. Handwriting plays a very important part in that process."

Barry Wilkinson



Handwriting class: Brian Walker makes a point to eager students

It is not only the bright pupils who benefit from handwriting instruction. "We have a wide range of ability in the school," said Mr Walker. "Generally speaking, the handwriting of slow learners would be a sight worse if they didn't have lessons — so they do make progress — and, secondly, they're proud of that progress, so they get the spur of success."

The school teaches a basic style of handwriting, adpated to cater for what Mr Walker calls three basic situations: "We need a fast hand for notes, we need an ordinary everyday hand and we need a careful, controlled speed for presentation. The cursive style is the best vehicle for that."

Mr Walker believes that children should feel at home with any writing tool. "I've put my money where my mouth is and bought each child in the school three pens — a ballpoint, a fibre tip and a fountain pen."

"I started teaching in 1960 and thought I might do something with handwriting in class. Teachers often do introduce their interests, and the teaching of handwriting is certainly in the hands of enthusiasts."

Kinsley Middle School spans the mining villages of Kinsley and Fitzwilliam. It is an area of high unemployment and falling school rolls. Today Mr Walker has 185 pupils — as recently as seven years ago there were 324.

During the miners' strike, the school won the Church of England Children's Society handwriting competition, which had attracted 15,000 entries. Mr Walker recalls: "We put 26 pupils in for the competition. Each had to find 50p sponsorship money — that was the cost of a meal during the dispute. The competition result came just after the strike and it gave the community here a great boost."

Kinsley won again last year. And this year brought a personal triumph when Mr Walker won the National Association of Head Teachers' handwriting competiton.

He challenges anyone to say that good handwriting does not pay: "My school has got two computers out of it, individual pupils have won prizes — and I've been on a luxury cruise! Kinsley children inevitably get given nice pens as presents."

The problems of making real progress in improving standards of handwriting are clear to Mr Walker. He says: "The Bullock Report shied away from talking about style of handwriting, except to say that handwriting should be taught, and where it was taught the same style should be taught throughout the school. It is possible to find children going from class to class and having to change their style accordingly.

"The report did say that a very large number of children received no handwriting teaching whatsoever. A serious problem is that infants learn print script. It's impossible to join print script. When my children are under pressure I find they revert to infant school printing."

For the future, Mr Walker would like to see handwriting move to the centre of debate about the school curriculum. "At one stage the Society for Italic Handwriting advocated a national policy," he said.

Philosophy of care

The position of handwriting in schools in the last 20 years "has been pretty bleak and it's not getting any better", says Clive Wilkinson, a county primary adviser in Gloucestershire and a former primary school head teacher. This is despite rising public interest in good handwriting and enthusiasm from many ordinary classroom teachers. Mr Wilkinson warns: "When good habits aren't formed early on, a child is left with poor handwriting for life."

Mr Wilkinson, who has direct knowledge of about 300 schools and has been a handwriting lecturer for 10 years, estimates that only 20 per cent of schools could claim to have a coherent handwriting policy. Yet handwriting has more problems than any other subject.

Handwriting is a low priority in teachers' discussions but, as Mr Wilkinson says, systematic teaching of it would not take much of the time spent on major subjects. He argues that handwriting could be the basis for establishing a school philosophy demonstrating care and concern for presentation.

Graham Wood



Cecily Batten offers her clients "information and commonsense"

What your letters can reveal to the experts

Ten years of estimating people's character from their handwriting have made Cecily Batten despair of the state of her profession. She says: "The country is over-run with half-baked graphologists."

Miss Batten, a former lecturer in psychology, adds: "They do things properly in France. They have a proper diploma which is recognized by the government. Here, we are not recognized by the academic world, and the more we are not recognized the more cowboyish we get."

"There is nothing here to stop people who do not have the basic ability becoming graphologists. The way graphology is popularized in Britain, uneducated school-leavers think it would be a marvellous thing to do."

Miss Batten, who became a professional graphologist after her retirement from lecturing, provides handwriting analysis and tuition at her flat in Pimlico, London.

Her main areas of work are in company recruitment and staff promotion. She also gets love letters to analyse. "People want an objective reassurance about their lovers," she says.

Nobody really knows how many people make a living from graphology, but Miss Batten is certain that it is hard for any serious practitioner to make a substantial income. "There probably aren't many top-flight professional graphologists," she says, adding that she thinks graphologists ought to have a knowledge of psychology. "Those with it can do so much more."

Her fees depend on the time taken: "You have to spend more time on a managing director than you do on a branch manager."

She does not use test pieces of handwriting. "With luck, you get the man's letter of application with its envelope — a complete job. You cannot do much with a signature on its own."

Miss Batten says that the letters "g" and "y" are sexual indicators. "If they are particularly elegant in a sample of handwriting — more elegant than the little things writers do not notice — I ask, 'What sexual disturbance is he trying to cover up?'."

The tools of Miss Batten's practice are half-a-dozen magnifying glasses and a substantial card index. Her task is made easier if the subject writes with a fountain pen because a nib is very sensitive to tiny tremors and movements in the writing muscles.

To achieve an accurate and sensitive report, Miss Batten first looks at the writing as a whole and then gradually works down to more detail. "The whole process takes hours," she says.

"There is an error margin, but we don't know what it is," she admits. "A man's handwriting might have so many ambiguities that although it is possible to see his personality structure, it's difficult to see how it works out in practice. On the other hand, you can tell your client in strong terms that he would be a fool to employ the candidate.

"One has to know the gender of the subject, age, nationality and educational level before analysis, but it is most important that you don't see the people beforehand."

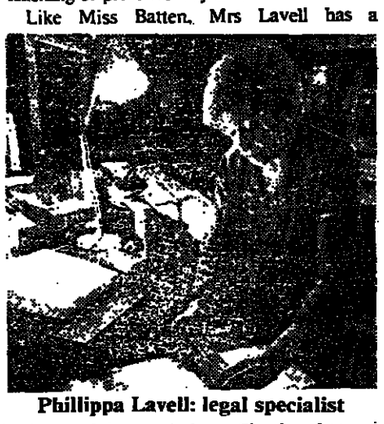
Miss Batten clearly defines the limits to her expertise. "The graphologist is not qualified to give you anything more than information, with such commonsense advice as anyone might be able to give."

Phillippa Lavell is another handwriting analyst working in London to professional standards who dislikes the antics of public performers. "English people," she complains, "think graphology is something like palm-reading."

The forger has no hiding place from Mrs Lavell, who, from her well-equipped study in Belsize Park, north London, operates a specialist forensic consultancy. "I deal only with corporate clients and top management consultants and I do all the work on my own."

Mrs Lavell tries to achieve "a psychological mirror image of people in their totality. You have to identify with the person you're analysing and think 'them'. I don't go in for teaching or private analysis".

Like Miss Batten, Mrs Lavell has a background in psychology. She has been a forensic consultant for 15 years, and is on the Law Society's list. "The police have their own experts but there aren't many of them and they won't undertake civil cases. In Britain, there are only about half-a-dozen independent consultants."



Phillippa Lavell: legal specialist

Sixty per cent of Mrs Lavell's work is to do with legal matters. She is saddened by the number of anonymous racist hate letters she has to deal with. "I've seen the most horrendous threatening letters. I don't think people realise how much of this goes on." Her work is to try to determine the writer from a number of possible suspects.

Last year, the chief executive of a big company was kidnapped overseas. The company wanted to know from Mrs Lavell about the man's mental and physical state, as revealed in letters passed on by the kidnappers. "The victim was determined not to break, but physically he was breaking. I told the company and it paid the ransom."

Where the old art is still thriving

Calligraphy all but disappeared from the art colleges in the 1960s.

The subject still thrives, however, at the Digby Stuart College, Roehampton Institute of Higher Education, in south-west London, where Ann Camp, a craft member of the Society of Scribes and Illuminators, began full-time and part-time courses in calligraphy and bookbinding eight years ago.

The courses are intended for students with a serious interest and for those wishing to become professional calligraphers. Students generally first take a one-year certificate course in calligraphy and bookbinding, then a second year of study leading to a diploma and a third year for an advanced diploma.

Applicants must be more than 21 and have a professional art qualification or relevant practical experience.

Roehampton Institute also offers an 18-unit correspondence course to assist those beginning to study calligraphy seriously and "improvers" aiming at a professional standard.

● *Course details: Christopher Jarman, RICE Office, Digby Stuart College, Roehampton Lane, London SW15 5PH (01-876 8273)*

Turning words into gems of flowing beauty

The calligrapher Denis Brown looks around London and observes: "The letter forms in public signs are generally good but the spacing ruins 90 per cent of them. Spaces between letters are as important as the letters themselves."

Denis is giving an expert's-eye view of the city he is making his home while he studies at Digby Stuart College in Roehampton, south-west London. He says: "I think that I have reached a professional level already, but I want to develop further."

His work demonstrates mastery and is executed with a self-assurance that suggests many more years of practice than the seven to which he admits. Denis, a 19-year-old Dubliner, is in London on a special scholarship for overseas students awarded by the British Government. To get it, he persuaded the Foreign Office that it should finance the training of a calligrapher.

He recalls: "I said there were no professional calligraphers in Ireland and the lettering was in a terrible state. That's true for England as well, where there are professional calligraphers."

When his studies are over, he wants to return to Dublin and open a calligraphy workshop. "I would like a market there and in London, but I am not optimistic about the prospects of earning a really good living. Calligraphers are definitely underpaid."

His interest in calligraphy started at school, but not through learning handwriting. He says: "It began with an interest in visual forms — Walt Disney characters, things like that. I used to copy them out when I was a just a tot. My visual awareness developed from that.

"The first thing with lettering was that I copied other people's handwriting if I thought it was nicer than mine. Then in secondary school we were taught calligraphy as part of our art classes.

"The way we were taught was significant for me because it wasn't very disciplinarian. I didn't get bogged down. Now my work is generally very lively, very free."

Denis is a perfectionist. His technique is to progress through several roughs before arriving at a finished piece of art work. He says: "People don't realize how much effort goes into a piece of calligraphy. They are amazed at the price they see. In the end the real return to the calligrapher could be just a few pounds an hour."

Denis got his first paid commission when he was 11. He copied three poems. Today, however, he says: "I do things only if I'm interested in them."

He has completed a 1988 calendar for Guinness, but his main interest is in heraldry. Denis has done extensive "pedigrees" for people — and in other cases, not done them. This summer he refused to undertake one that had a corrupt coat of arms. He explains: "It was in bad taste and I wouldn't touch it."



Denis Brown: "very critical"

But he is quite ready to help people to make the right choice. "I might talk some people out of their lettering selection — for example, a Gothic letterhead for someone selling lace."

Denis rejects the view that calligraphy in any way restrains creative expression. "All my work — free or formal — expresses my personality," he insists. And he dismisses the view of calligraphy as an almost antiquarian activity. He says: "Too many people have the idea that calligraphy is medieval. It is not."

Bookbinding is another of Denis's skills. He could make a book, but it would cost hundreds of pounds because of the hours involved. "A hand-made book is a very precious object," he says.

Was he always convinced about living a calligrapher's life? "At one point I thought I'd like to take up photography but I'd done too much calligraphy to throw it away."

Denis acknowledges the influence of Donald Jackson, Britain's best-known calligrapher, and he quotes Jackson's lettering for Cranks' Health Foods, in London, as a first-rate example of public calligraphy. Denis joined the Society of Scribes and Illuminators while he was at school, and he attended professional workshops run by the society in England.

At 18, he took calligraphy as part of his Leaving Certificate — Ireland's A level — and went on to art school in Dublin, where he completed the first year of a degree in visual communications. Then he set off for Digby Stuart College, where he is now in his second year of studying calligraphy on the courses run by Ann Camp.

Denis is very happy with his studies at Digby Stuart. "Ann is a brilliant teacher and a very good critic. I have become very critical.

Improving on scribes

Chinese calligraphers and Egyptian scribes, working more than 4,000 years ago, used a dense black and durable ink made from a suspension of carbon, usually fine soot, in a mixture of gum and water.

This "sooty" ink found its way around the world. In Britain, it continued in use until well into the Industrial Revolution, but for hundreds of years it was often less popular than an ink that first appeared in the 12th century. This was made from oak galls and iron salts. It burned its way into the writing surface and though black to start with, eventually turned to the brown that distinguishes so many manuscripts written with a quill.

Neither ink suited the steel pens which became common after about 1830: the first rusted away the pen point, the second clogged it up.

In 1834, the firm of Stephens boasted that its "Carbonaceous Black Writing Fluid" would "resist moisture and every other influence". Nine years later, James Perry's "Perryian Limpid Ink" promised that it had a flowing property peculiar to itself, and does not corrode metallic pens as other inks".

It was not until the arrival of aniline dyes in 1856 that a truly non-corrosive ink was invented.

Today's bottled inks, specially created for the fountain pen, have little in common with their unsophisticated predecessors. They are solutions of synthetic dyes with various additives: salts of iron and other metal for permanence.

Fountain still flows

Many creative people contributed to the development of the modern fountain pen: perhaps one of the most unlikely was Joseph Bramah, the first man to undertake the mass production of water closets.

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Bramah's Compound was superseded after 50 years by the rubber ink-sac. The first report of a fountain pen came from Paris in 1656. The earliest recorded example in Britain was owned by Samuel Pepys, but despite his enthusiasm for the "silver reservoir pen", the quill remained the choice of most writers. The biggest problem with the 19th-century fountain pen was the unpredictability of its ink-flow.

Lewis Edson Waterman was an insurance salesman who lost an important sale when his fountain pen squirted its contents all over the application form.

He worked on the problem, and in New York in 1884 started to make pens that allowed ink and air to pass in opposite directions at the same time. The fountain pen was set to become the writing instrument of the first half of the 20th century.

The ballpoint pen was the invention of Lasalo Biro, a Hungarian living as a refugee in Argentina. Biro patented his pen in June 1943 in Buenos Aires and it went on regular commercial sale there in 1945.

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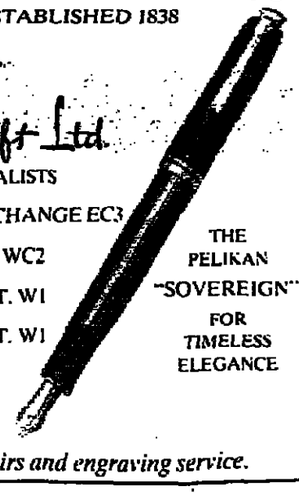
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Truth and image

Whatever politicians may claim, the truth in television is more often a victim of good *intentions* than conscious manipulation. *Antenna* (BBC 2) was a perfect working model of how the pressures of time and ratings operate at the expense of information.

Two scientists on short media fellowships at the BBC arrived *with* criticisms of trivialization and high ideals. They were immediately seduced by the high-adrenalin working style and accepted the overriding imperatives of audience appeal and "news values". Within a few weeks both acknowledged, with no regrets, that in this medium *appealing pictures* were more important than thousands of informative words.

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The accompanying report on Aids in Africa showed this treacherous ethic in operation. *It was a last-minute substitute* for a topic judged less newsworthy, a hurried 20-minute condensation of a 52-minute report by a French documentary team.

We were told that the attractive woman on the screen was an HIV-positive Nairobi prostitute with an estimated 960 sexual *partners in a year*, and then distracted before we could wonder who, at that volume of trading, could possibly be counting.

In fairness I must acknowledge that this programme was shown to critics unfinished; *however, it seemed much inferior to This Week's* coverage of the same ground.

Later that evening we arrived at the paradox that the best truth is often fiction. *A Perfect Spy* (BBC 2) introduced Peter Egan as the mature Magnus Pym, a man morally destabilized for life, condemned to do good by treachery. This complex proposition was presented with a dazzling clarity which no factual style could match.

Celia Brayfield

Anger bred in oppression

CINEMA

Cry Freedom (PG)
Empire 1, Leicester Square

The Kitchen Toto (15)
Cannons Première, Swiss Centre, Tottenham Court Road

Innerspace (PG)
Warner Leicester Square

Best Seller (18)
Leicester Square Theatre



Cry Freedom: Denzel Washington (centre) as Steve Biko in the hands of the South African security police

Richard Attenborough — a man apparently genuinely without cynicism — has found the means to use big-budget commercial films to declare his personal and often emotional convictions about the way the world should be, and his anger when it is fouled by oppression and injustice. In *Gandhi* it was Attenborough's undeniable passion for his subject that won a huge *audience to a very unfashionable* sort of hero — a good man. *Cry Freedom* is an unequivocal indictment of racial oppression in South Africa.

The film centres on the murder of Steve Biko; though the real protagonist is Donald Woods (played by Kevin Kline), a white editor whose friendship with Biko enlarged his *own consciousness and eventually* led to his banning by the South African Government. He subsequently fled to Britain and published his book about the Biko case.

The story presents serious structural problems, which John Briley's script has not solved. Biko (Denzel Washington), who is inevitably the most compelling character, is killed *half-way through the film*, after which the interest shifts to the persecution of Woods and his family, and their eventual escape.

The events are dramatic, yet not really drama. In the Biko section, the film is stolidly and often repetitively didactic, explaining and *debating through extensive dialogue* the South African situation and the position of black activists and white liberals. The second section, Woods's flight disguised as an Irish priest, has potentially more action, *but the real-life event once planned* seems to have been plain sailing, and the script is obliged to resort to a contrived series of false frights to prolong the episode.

The strongest parts of the film are those which dramatize the reality of a state controlled by thuggish security police. *The terror is not just* the midnight knock on the door, but the bullets and poison and every kind of abuse that are the fate of the liberal, black or white. It is possible that not every single white South African is as ugly, cold-eyed, unswervingly obtuse, pocky-faced and sadistic; but Attenborough is justified to show them so, as the metaphoric face of the system.

The vast crowd-scenes that Attenborough favours come into their own. *Cry Freedom* opens compellingly with the police attack on the Crossroads squatters. At the middle of the film is the mass demonstration at Biko's funeral. Less comfortably, the Soweto massacre is introduced as a flashback to give the film a last-reel climax. Almost more effective than these costly set-pieces, however, is the final roller title which catalogues known deaths in custody in South Africa, along with the idiotic official explanations of them.

For all the ardent sincerity of *Cry Freedom*, **The Kitchen Toto** is finally more successful and more affecting as an epitome of the tragedy of the turbulent African continent and the unreconciled races. The setting is Kenya in the early Fifties, the time of the Kikuyu struggle for independence and the *consequent Mau Mau terrorism*.

The hero is Mwangi, a bright and literate 12-year-old Kikuyu, or*phaned when his preacher father* is murdered by Mau Mau. He is given a job as a kitchen boy (toto) in the house of the local white police chief. Mwangi's tragedy is to be caught — *figuratively and finally literally — in* the cross-fire between the white bosses and his own people.

The whites are not villains as they are in *Cry Freedom*, but insensitive — unconscious of the little tyrannies, *humiliation and insulting* mistrust they daily inflict. The Kikuyu are brutalised by desperation. The victims are the innocent, symbolized by Mwangi.

This richly accomplished film is *the work of a 27-year-old British* director, Harry Hook, making his first feature. Hook, who was raised in Kenya, wrote his own taut and subtle screenplay. There is no *moment of clumsiness in the direction*, or falsehood in the performances, whether British or Kenyan.

Bob Peck plays the bluff, philandering police chief; Phyllis Logan his shrewish wife, beautifully outfaced when Mwangi signs for his mean wages in fine script. Edwin *Mahinda's Mwangi* is a jolly, willing, beautiful little boy with an innate moral sense that shames the adults of both worlds.

The Kitchen Toto, which is the first film in Cannon's new directors' programme, won the Golden Award in the Young Cinema competition at the Tokyo Festival — the highest prize for any British film this year.

In the movies, time and fashion have no mercy, and the Steven Spielberg style represented by Joe *Dante's* Innerspace looks suddenly old-hat. In the United States the box office results fell short of its predecessors, indicating perhaps the waning appeal of this kind of high-tech fairy-tale

The story is ingenious, with lots of allegorical possibilities. The usual crazed scientists are experimenting with a process to miniaturize living organisms. The usual criminals are plotting to steal the vital microchips. In the confusion, a *miniaturized space man* (Dennis Quaid) gets injected into the bloodstream of a nervy Safeway checkout clerk (Martin Short).

The action moves between the space-pod, lurching around in the little clerk's arteries (flamboyant special effects work) and the clerk's *external adventures in his new life* of intrigue and action. The peculiar intimacy of the unwilling host and his guest — in larger days an incorrigible roisterer — enlarges both *their personalities*, despite inevitable mutual irritations.

It is all quite mild and genial, with *only one* violent death. Even the rivalry of the two strictly inseparable buddies for the same girl fizzles quietly out, while the fate of the villains is no worse than to be miniaturized. Although cheeky Dennis Quaid and elfin Martin Short are appealing actors in their different ways, the final scene's hint at a sequel may be over-optimistic. It all seems a bit too late.

Best Seller has a good idea, two excellent actors and an inadequate script. Brian Dennehy plays a policeman who was once inspired by a traumatic professional experience to become a novelist. While suffering severe writer's block, he is visited by the demonic criminal at the centre of the trauma (James Woods), offering him material for a new book — an exposé of the corrupt killer at the head of a multinational corporation.

The curious partnership that results is dramatically promising, but the plot is threadbare, the dialogue self-consciously portentous and the violence gratuitous. It was written by Larry Cohen and directed by John Flynn.

David Robinson

CONCERTS

Rhythm of Polish imagery

LS/Rattle
QEH

A Lutoslawski rarity opened the second of the London Sinfonietta's concerts with Simon Rattle: the *Five Songs after Poems by Kazimiera Illakowicz*, written in 1956 and tentatively exploring the gossamer clusters that have since become the Pole's most durable trademarks.

One can understand why *the songs have been neglected*. They follow the imagery of rather mediocre poetry (unless the English translation missed some Polish double-meanings) a *little too obviously*: squalls and grunts of sound for "The Wind", icy glissandos for "Winter", vaguely chivalric harp and timpani writing for "Knights" and an excursion into campanological clichés for "Church Bells".

Yet the string and percussion writing is done with such finesse, and the voice given such delicately suggestive nuances that the cycle deserves occasional performance. Felicity Palmer sang securely and sympathetically.

A similar instrumental array regrouped later for an account of Bartók's *Music for strings, percussion and celeste* that had so much atmosphere, verve and rhythmic energy *that rough edges became of* small consequence.

Berg's Chamber Concerto is a more difficult piece to sell, although even here the last movement was made to sound almost perky, with its rhythms admirably delineated. Indeed, one of this performance's strengths was the emphasis *given to low-lying* and easily obscured wind detail.

There was also much superb solo work. Paul Crossley delivered the piano part with the magisterial certainty befitting a man portraying Schoenberg, while György Pauk's *violin playing* touched on that vein of sweet melancholy so central to Berg's creativity.

Richard Morrison

Best of three

DANCE

LCDT
Sadler's Wells

The best of three works new to London in London Contemporary Dance Theatre's programme at Sadler's Wells this week is Siobhan Davies' *Red Steps*. Seeing it again *confirms* the impression I formed at its Oxford premiere last February that it is the best thing she has done for a long time, rich in *movement and texture*.

The choreography covers a range of qualities from the control and very slow, expansive manner of Patrick Harding-Irmer with Kerry Woodward to the darting speed of Lauren Potter.

Do not be misled by the title into expecting any explicit drama; the theatrical quality in the piece arising entirely from the inter-play of the *dances, the beautifully painted* design by Hugh O'Donnell and the music, minimalist in form but not in quality, of John Adams.

The other two novelties also feature Lauren Potter. Her tense, weary manner and alert expressiveness do all they can for *Hang Up*, a long duet with Jonathan Lunn, in which the latter's choreography provides illustrations to a trite short radio play about lovers breaking up during a telephone call. It is written by Anthony Minghella and spoken by Juliet Stevenson and David Threlfall.

Rosalind Newman's *John Somebody*, to Scott Johnson's recording of the same title, seems to me more like a *seminar in dance construction* than a work for the stage. Each sequence provides several alternative solutions to a choreographic exercise: how *to show women remembering* a man, how to pile up dancers, how to pose a pair of colleagues, and so on.

Only in a set of entries for the five women illustrating a dance equivalent of laughter does it take off into real *imagination*. The sound track is as cliché-ridden as the dances.

John Percival

THEATRE

Simple circus delight

Fat Pig
Haymarket Leicester



Dee Conway

Aliki (left) as Pigalette, Adam Price as Fat Pig: rapture and humility at Leicester Haymarket

For some time the national press has been carrying interviews *with Henry Krieger*, composer, and Mark Bramble, the director of this simple-hearted show.

A fortnight ago the first fat pig paintings were being stuck along the windows of the Haymarket foyer, so that it is something of a surprise not to find pigs twinkling with the *Christmas stars along Granby* Street or in balloon form high above Churchgate.

And how pleasant it would be to discover, would it not, *that the hype has* been justified and we could all rush off to have a jolly good time watching the eponymous hero being forced to diet to save *himself from the bacon slicer*.

Treat it as a circus and you will see competent juggling and more than competent acrobatics as the cast, every one of them costumed as a farmyard animal, lark above the stage on rope and trapeze.

The challenge presented by the task of swinging upside down while costumed as a sheep (Michael Cantwell) should not be underestimated; nor, likewise, that of steering a monocycle when kitted out as a crow (Richard Gauntlett).

However these undoubted thrills come at the very end, after a succession of events so flaccid that, if the show were a sausage, *they would have* food inspectors crying: Where's the pork?

The first half is entirely made up of introductions: an hour of animals coming forward one after another to be introduced by the turkey (Graeme Henderson) before singing a personality song, the choruses of which go "Bah" or "Quack", according to *species*.

The country and western *number given to the sheep is* amusing, marked by apt *glissandi* on the backing guitars and neat footwork by the singers.

The seven-man band opens the show playing the "Banana Song" and is therefore periwigged with half-peeled simulacra of those fruits.

Like the farmyard life it celebrates, the show's music has an old-fashioned air, *deriving from rock and roll*, and containing one of those "I'm here to see you through" numbers, offering opportunities to belt out the high notes, and sing, humbly or rapturously, "You make me *feel I belong*".

This is sung, humbly, by *Adam Price, the energetic Fat* Pig himself, and rapturously by Aliki's pigalette, the love interest.

Treat the show as a circus panto for the young in heart and there are simple pleasures to be met on the way. The costumes are terrific (Annie Hadley and Martin Adams) *and there is one absolutely* astounding incident when Fat Pig is carried up to the top of the stage and walks, like a portly Fred Astaire, upside *down along the ceiling*. The walk lasts only a few seconds yet will leave an imperishable memory.

Jeremy Kingston

Weemen Strategem
Perth Rep

The *little repertory theatre in* Perth is known more for the loyalty of its audience than the adventurousness of its programming. Certainly it's *not the kind of place where one* expects to find a Goldoni play, less still one newly translated into the kind of literary, slightly artificial, Scots language *which is usually* reserved for translations of Molière.

***I Rusteghi* normally translates as something between *The Tyrants* and *The Boors*, referring to the four principal main characters, a covey of *curmudgeonly local burgesses*. The Scots version, now set in *Edinburgh*, is called *Weemen Strategem*.**

This may be seen as reflecting how the three wives in the play have the last laugh, summoning their feminine wiles *to overcome* all the obstacles placed by their menfolk in the way of the marriage of two young lovers.

Perhaps the new title also gives away the sympathies of the translators, Antonio Sansica Stott and Marjory Greig.

Since Goldoni is more or less an Italian Molière, albeit a hundred years later, it is not surprising that in many respects the transposition works well. There's something in the tweedy texture of the Scots vocabulary which sounds as if its chimes with the Venetian dialect of the original better than standard English ever could.

There's *also an up-front* direct-to-the-audience style in the bones of the best Scots actors which suits the play only one step away from the *Commedia* tradition.

For all that it is not *Commedia*, neither is it some sort *of early farce, which is where* Clive Perry's production seems to want to take us.

We certainly don't get there, partly because the twists and turns of a less than sophisticated *plot* are not inventive enough and partly because, despite the presence of seasoned performers such as John Grieve and John Shedden, the evening wants for a good deal of zip.

Taken together all this has *the effect of making the play* seem desperately thin, which is a bit unfair on Goldoni; there is much more entertainment to be had from the interplay of character, from the sexual politics even, than *we get from this* distinctly hesitant affair.

Robert Dawson Scott

A beautiful melancholy fiend

Dr Faustus
Lyric

Among other lines missing from the Actors' Touring Company version of Marlowe's tragedy is the Chorus's lament for the "branch that might have grown full straight".

By no stretch of the imagination can that description apply to Peter Lindford's Faustus, a graceless bookworm with lavatory-brush hair, with a lifetime of frustrated sensuality pulsating behind his pebble-glasses: T S Eliot as seen by George Grosz.

As the all-devouring ego at the centre of Mark Brickman's expressionist production, he may be undergoing the process of damnation; equally he could be a little boy scaring himself to death in the attic.

The effect is to reverse the usual balance of the play. Instead of a sublime opening and closing scene framing a centre of clownish padding, it is the despised central scenes, amplified with material from Lucian and the German *Faust Book* that now come into focus.

Replace the impious philosopher with this fantasizing innocent, and they demonstrate, logically, precisely what you would expect from someone with no idea of how to use his powers.

The jokes on the Pope and the Emperor, with Faustus gorging stolen food and wrapping himself in a table-cloth as an imperial robe, are pushed to the very limit of infantile omnipotence.

They also expose him as someone who is constitutionally incapable of pleasure.

Settling down with a cigar and champagne for a floor-show of the Seven Deadly Sins, or attempting a ragtime dance in the Underworld, all he communicates is a sense of desperate bravado.

The element of fantasy is intensified by the fact that his *only companions are Mephis*tophilis and Beelzebub, who dupe their gullible client by assuming all the other roles.

Production expediency may have something to do with this (it is perverse for the Prince of Darkness to take over as a gloatingly sardonic Chorus); but an extraordinary sense of dread grips the stage with the sight of those two infernal *mafiosi* watching impassively from the sidelines before going yet again through the wearisome routine of ensnaring a human soul.

I much admired David Westhead as the *diabolical* master of ceremonies, but the revelation of the production is George Anton's Mephistophilis: a beautiful, melancholy fiend who, in grace, authority, confidence and personal magnetism, has everything that his client lacks and longs for.

Mr Anton's performance is built on the fact that Mephistophilis always speaks the truth; and from that a tenderly ambiguous relationship develops between him and his victim, reaching its climax when, after the mid*night thunderclap, he cradles* Faustus in his arms and extracts his soul with a long lethal kiss to the paradisal accompaniment of the Schubert *Quintet*. A thrilling revival.

Irving Wardle

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LONDON

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Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, SW11 (01-223 2223). Station: Clapham Junction. Tonight until Sun 8-10pm, £3-£4.50.

★ **FAUSTUS:** Actors Touring Company bring their highly charged adaptation of Marlowe into London for three weeks.
Lyric Studio Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 8pm, £5.

☆ **J J FARR:** Albert Finney and Bob Peck in new Ronald Harwood drama about a priest emerging from five months captivity as a hostage.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3-5.10pm, £4-£12.50.

☆ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's new comedy.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mats Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£14.50.

☆ **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS:** Charlton Heston takes over the role of Sir Thomas More in the strongly cast transfer from Chichester.
Savoy Theatre, Strand. WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.15pm, £5-£14.50.

☆ **NANA:** Shared Experience's production of Zola's tale of decadent abandon in turn of the century Paris.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £4-£7.

☆ **TWELFTH NIGHT:** Richard Briers as Malvolio in Renaissance Theatre Company's first Shakespeare.
Riverside Studio, Crisp Road, W6 (01-748 3354). Tube: Hammersmith. Previews tonight, Fri, Sat, Mon and Tues, 7.45pm, £6.50-£8.50. Opens Wed 7pm. Then Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm, mat Sat 3.30pm, £8.50-£10.50.

☆ **WINNIE THE POOH:** The bear of little brain plus cuddly, hopping and bouncing friends.
Royalty Theatre, Portugal Street, off Kingsway WC2 (01-831 0660). Tube: Holborn. Today 10.30am and 2.30pm. Adults £9-£11, children £7.50-£9. Not recommended for under-fives.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

COVENTRY: ☆ **Guardian Angels:** Kindly ghosts keeping a watchful eye on an Anglo-Irish family; skilful and touching play by Julian Garner.
Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, £3.50-£6.20.

CROYDON: ☆ **I'm Dreaming the Hardest:** Vince Foxall's engrossing play about the last hours of Marilyn Monroe.
Warehouse, 62 Dingwall Road, East Croydon (01-680 4060). Tues-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, £3.75-£4.75.

LEEDS: ☆ **A Chorus of Disapproval:** Alan Ayckbourn's adventures in the world of amateur operatics.
Playhouse Theatre, Calverley Street (0532 442111), Mon and Tues 8pm, Wed-Sat 7.30pm, £4.50-£6.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **Loot:** Patrick Barlow and Bernard Gallagher in revival of Orton's inimitably heartless comedy.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 824 2829). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£6.90.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
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■ **ANGEL HEART (18):** Mickey Rourke's down-at-heel detective pursues a missing person to the voodoo underworld of New Orleans. Pulp stuff, directed by Alan Parker in slam-bang style (113 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.25, 3.35, 6.05, 8.25.

■ **BEVERLY HILLS COP II (15):** Eddie Murphy repeats his performance as the brazen Detroit cop on a job in Los Angeles. Tony Scott directs (103 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.
☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 2.30, 3.30, 4.45, 5.45, 7.00, 8.00, 9.15, 10.15.

■ **DIRTY DANCING (18):** Flimsy but energetic coming-of-age saga, with Jennifer Grey as the headstrong girl losing her innocence at a Borscht Belt resort. With Patrick Swayze and Jerry Orbach. Directed by Emile Ardolino (88 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.05.
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 2.00, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25.

EAT THE RICH (15): Raucous black comedy about London life, from Peter Richardson originator of *The Comic Strip*. With Ronald Allen, Fiona Richmond and Nosher Powell (90 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 4.30, 6.35, 8.35.

■ **HOPE AND GLORY (15):** John Boorman's autobiographical account of an ordinary family living through the extraordinary days of the London blitz. Vivid, anecdotal; with Sebastian Rice-Edwards and Sammi Davis (113 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.20, 4.50, 7.30, 9.55.

■ **MAURICE (15):** Set during the First World War, E M Forster's novel about Oxbridge gaiety, with James Wilby as the suffering Maurice and Rupert Graves as the gamekeeper with whom he falls in love (140 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.20, 6.45, 9.10.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.15, 5.35, 8.45.

■ **A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET III: DREAM WARRIORS (18):** The latest addition to the gory adventures of demonic Freddy Krueger. Director is Chuck Russell (96 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 6.20, 8.35.
☎ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50.

■ **THE UNTOUCHABLES (15):** Eliot Ness's gangbusters go after Al Capone in Brian De Palma's entertaining drama, filled with bullets, blood and thoughtful dialogue by playwright David Mamet. With Kevin Costner, Sean Connery, Robert De Niro (120 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.00. .
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

ROCK

☆ **WOW WOW:** Nippon metal band employing ex-Whitesnake bassist Neil Murray. Could be in with a chance despite such a daft name.
Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-434 0403) 7.30pm, £6.

☆ **WORKING WEEK:** A touch of funk, a little soul, a soupçon of gospel; all directed by the carefully poised singing of Juliet Roberts. Support is Yargo.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 7.30pm. £5.50.

☆ **L.L.COOL J:** While Cool J's current single "Go Cut Creator Go", is the neatest Chuck Berry cut and scratch job yet, support acts Eric B. & Rakim ("Paid In Full") and Public Enemy ("Rebel Without A Pause") have both gone significantly higher in the chart.
Manchester Apollo, Ardwick Green (061 273 3775) 7.30pm, £7.50.

☆ **EDWYN COLLINS:** Former Orange Juice singer/songwriter. Liverpool Polytechnic SU, The Haigh Building, Maryland Street (051 709 4047) 8pm, £3.50-£4.

JAZZ

☆ **AH-UM:** London debut of an intriguing ad hoc ensemble of star names from Loose Tubes and a sprinkling of older hands such as Alan Skidmore and Stan Sutzmann.
100 Club, Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933), 7.30pm, £4.50.

☆ **TOMMY CHASE:** Hard bop from the drummer whose *Groove Merchant* LP maintained his position at the head of the dance pack.
Bend On The Wall, Swan Street, Manchester (061 832 6625), 8pm, £3.



The notion that "pop will eat itself", a buzz phrase now co-opted as a band's name, is never more clearly appreciated than at a concert by the Cult. For with their last album *Electric* (produced by the Def Jam supremo Rick Rubin) the songwriters Billy Duffy (guitar, left) and Ian Astbury (vocals, right) having consumed but never fully digested their musical heritage, wrought a shamelessly derivative pastiche of the heavy rock styles of Seventies groups, particularly Led Zeppelin and AC/DC. On stage the Bradford band has long abandoned any arty pretensions that may have lingered from the days when they were known as the Southern Death Cult. Instead, hits like "Love Removal Machine" and "Lil' Devil" and oldies such as "Born To Be Wild" and "Wild Thing" are played in tandem with the requisite catalogue of macho poses, *twirling microphone* stands and garish thunderflashes. In Australia last month the group mimicked the Who's famous ritual and smashed up all their (hired) equipment on stage. Such *antics have earned them a* huge following and even tickets for the Wembley Arena date will be hard to come by. Their British tour opens tonight at Newport Leisure Centre, Kingsway (0633 59676) 7.30pm, £6; and continues on Saturday at the Brixton Academy, London.
David Sinclair

☆ **ANDY SHEPPARD:** Pride of the West Country, the sax player performs a duet with free-inspired pianist Keith Tippett.
The Theatre, Old Profanity Showboat, Bristol (0272 293301) 8pm, £3.

☆ **CHARLES McPHERSON:** The US altoist is backed by the tasteful Bill Le Sage trio.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722), 9.30pm, £6.

DANCE

☆ **FOR YOU WERE MINE:** Lloyd Embleton's creation to Sibelius music for the Scottish Ballet, with two shorter new works and *The Water's Edge* with music by members of Jethro Tull.
Studio Theatre, 261 Princes Street, Glasgow (041 227 5511) 7.30-10pm, £7.50.

☆ **JOHN SOMEBODY:** Rosalind Newman's creation for London Contemporary Dance Theatre is given with London premières of Siobhan Davies's *Red Steps* and *Hang-Up* by Jonathan Lunn and Anthony Minghella.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£10.50.

☆ **OTHELLO:** Peter Darrell's dance-drama for London City Ballet with *Goldmark Variations* and *The Nutcracker Suite*.
Secombe Centre, 42 Cheam Road, Sutton (01-661 0416) 7.30-10pm, £4.50

OPERA

☆ **TOSCA:** Revival of the Zeffirelli production, now conducted by Giuseppe Sinopoli, and with Eva Marton and Peter Dvorsky.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£70.

☆ **L'ORMINDO:** Cavalli's opera, conducted by Ivor Bolton, as the Guildhall School's end-of-term show.
Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 2571), 7-10pm, free.

☆ **HMS PINAFORE:** New Sadler's Wells Opera tour Christopher Renshaw's popular production.
Empire Theatre, High Street West, Sunderland (091 514 2517), 7.30-10.20pm, £3.50-£10.50.

★ **AIDA:** Gilbert Deflo's controversial new production for Scottish Opera.
Theatre Royal, 282 Hope Street, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.15-10.30pm, £3-£21.

☆ **DIE FLEDERMAUS:** Welsh National Opera's elegant new Twenties-style production, with Suzanne Murphy as the Rosalinde.
Apollo Theatre, George Street, Oxford (0865 244544), 7.15-10.30pm, £7-£21.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **WESTMINSTER TRIOS:** The Westminster Trio plays Beethoven's Piano Trio Op 70 No 1 "Ghost" and Brahms's Trio Op 87.
St George's, Charlotte Street, Brandon Hill, Bristol (0272 230359), 1-2pm, £1.80, £2.50.

☆ **PROKOFIEV DUO:** Rosemary Furniss and Louise Williams's programme includes Prokofiev's Sonata for Two Violins.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1.15-2pm, £1.50.

EVENING

☆ **NEW MILNER:** Besides performing Dvorák's Symphonic Variations, the Royal College of Music Symphony Orchestra under Lionel Friend gives the world première of Anthony Milner's Symphony No 3, commissioned by the College. Plus a discussion of the work between the composer and Stephen Dodgson at 6.15pm
Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Road, London SW7 (01-589 3643), 7pm, free.

☆ **SUSAN KESSLER:** This Australian mezzo soprano sings Haydn's *Arianna a Naxos* Cantata, *Pauline's aria from* Tchaikovsky's *Queen of Spades*, songs by Schubert and Sjögren. Geoffrey Parsons accompanies.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3.50-£6.50.

☆ **COMPLETE PIANIST:** Richard Mapp continues his "Compleat Pianist" series with duos with the flautist Amanda Hollins. These include sonatas by Devienne, Poulenc and Prokofiev, Messiaen's *Le merle noir* and pieces by Enescu and Frank Martin.
Blackheath Concert Hall, 23 Lee Road, London SE3 (01-463 0100), 7.30pm, £3-£4.

☆ **QUIET!:** The Royal Northern College of Music Wind Ensemble performs Crosse's *Quietl*, Francaix's *Les malheurs de Sophie*, Knussen's Chorale, Salinen's *Chorali* and Varèse's *Imagrales*.
Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester (061 273 4504), 7.30pm, £2.50.

☆ *HIDEKO UDAGAWA: See* caption.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £3.50-£12.50.

☆ **BAULD'S BANQUO:** In the final concert of the series celebrating the BMIC's 20 years in Stratford Place, Jane Manning, soprano, sings Bauld's *Banquo Buried*, Carhart's *Tanka*, Finnissy's *Anninnya*, Musgrave's Bairns' *Songs*, Elias's Peroration, and other things.
British Music Information Centre, 10 Stratford Place, London W1 (01-499 8567), 7.30pm, free.

☆ **KORD CONDUCTS:** The Warsaw Philharmonic is conducted by Kazimierz Kord in Sibelius's *Finlandia*, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 5 "Emperor" (John Lill, soloist) and Shostakovich's Symphony No 5.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.15pm, £3.50-£15.



The promising young Japanese violinist, Hideko Udagawa (above), plays the Beethoven concerto at the Barbican tonight (see listing). She is a pupil of Nathan Milstein, with whom she studied in London and at the Juilliard School of Music in New York. She now lives in Europe. She made her debut with the London Symphony Orchestra in April and joins them again tonight in a programme that also includes the Egmont Overture and the Symphony No 8 by Dvorak.

☆ **ALL VIVALDI:** Iona Brown conducts the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields in Nos 1-6 of Vivaldi's Concerti Grossi Op 3.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £3.50-£9.

GALLERIES

TONY BEVAN: Striking, large portraits which seek to explore contemporary psychology.
Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647). Daily 12-8pm, 60p, until Feb 21.

ESTELLE THOMPSON: First solo exhibition for a talented young landscape painter.
Richard Pomeroy Gallery, Jacob Street Studios, Mill Street, London SE1 (01-237 6062), Tues-Fri 11-6.30pm, Sat 11-4pm, free, until Jan 16.

RARE MAPS OF LONDON: Examples from the 17th century onwards featuring items by Vertue and Speed.
Jonathan Potter, 21 Grosvenor Street, London W1 (01-491 3520), Mon-Fri 9-5.30pm, Sat 10-12pm, free, until Dec 12.

EDWARD PIPER: Sixty landscape, nude and flower paintings.
The Catto Gallery, 100 Heath Street, London NW3 (01-435 6660), Tues-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2.30-5pm, free, until Dec 13.

WENDY HODGE: First solo exhibition of mythical paintings by a recent Royal College of Art graduate.
Flaxman Gallery, 3 Lever Street, London EC1 (01-253 9515), Tues-Fri 11-6pm, Sat-Sun 2-6pm, free, until Dec 20.

TALKS

THE SET-UP PHOTOGRAPH: Susan Beardmore talks about artists setting imagery for their cameras and offers a brief historical perspective.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (01-741 2251), 7.45pm, £1.50.

TAVISTOCK LECTURE: Professor Adam Kuper talks about myths and dreams.
Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3, 8pm, £2.50.

WOMEN AND THE HEALTH SERVICE: Lecture by Wendy Savage, Senior Lecturer in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the London Hospital.
St Botolph's Church, Aldgate, London EC3 (01-283 1670), 1.05pm. free.

WALKS

JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £3.

FAGIN'S EAST SIDE HAUNTS: meet Aldgate tube, 11am, £3.

PUBS, SMUGGLERS, PIRATES AND PRESS-GANGS: meet Tower Hill tube, 7pm, £3.

CHURCHILL'S WAR ROOMS: meet Westminster tube, 2.30pm, £2.50.

LONDON'S ANCIENT TAVERNS: meet Blackfriars tube, 7pm, £2.50.

OTHER EVENTS

CHRISTIE'S SALES: Fine wine and vintage port at the King Street saleroom 11am. At the South Kensington branch clocks, watches, barometers, English and continental glass 10.30am; European ceramics and dolls 2pm.
Christie's, 8 King Street, St James's, London SW1 (01-839 9060) and 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-581 7611).

A RETURN TO TRADITION: Opening day of a selling exhibition of carpets from the Ayvacik region of Turkey. All 70 carpets were woven by villagers using traditional techniques and natural dyes.
David Black, 96 Portland Road, London W11 (01-727 2565). Mon-Sat 11am-6pm, free, until Dec 24.

MADE IN LONDON SERIES: Classic film adaptation of Le Fanu's thriller *Uncle Silas*, screened tonight in honour of its production designer, Laurence Irving, who will be 90 this year. His sets provide a perfect foil for the chilling tale. Starring Jean Simmons, Derrick de Marney and Katina Paxinou.
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699), 6.10pm, £1.20.

ANTIQUE MAPS OF LONDON: Exhibition of maps of London and the suburbs published in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, opens today. All items for sale.
Jonathan Potter Ltd, 21 Grosvenor Street, London W1 (01-491 3520). Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, free, until Dec 12.

RHS GARDEN DEMONSTRATIONS: Last of the practical sessions at Wisley this year, at which to learn how properly to prune fruit trees and bushes.
RHS Gardens, Wisley, nr Woking, Surrey (0483 22423). Today and tomorrow 11am-1pm, £2.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

VIENNESE EVENING: LSO celebrate New Year with music and dances by the Strauss family. Includes Emperor Waltz, Farewell Polka and Radetzky March. Dec 31 and Jan 1.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891, cc 01-628 8795).

THE FOREIGNER: New comedy by Larry Shue with Nicholas Lyndhurst, Jay Benedict, Peter Childs, William Hope, Stuart Milligan, Melinda McGraw and Doreen Mantle. Directed by Nick Broadhurst. Opens Dec 15.
Albery Theatre, St Martins Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3878, cc 01-379 6565).

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC NETWORK: Series features minimalist composer Michael Nyman's band performing his work, including music composed for Peter Greenaway's films. Jan 12.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London, SE1. (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Advance booking open. General booking from Dec 1/2.

LAST CHANCE

PACIFIC OVERTURES: Last performance this season by ENO of Stephen Sondheim musical, with Richard Angas, Christopher Booth-Jones and Malcolm Rivers.
London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161, cc 01-240 5258).

SOFTWEAR: Innovative textile exhibition of fashion, fabric and design from around the world, including knitting, dyeing and printing, first shown at last summer's Commonwealth Arts Festival in Edinburgh.
Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London, W8 (01-603 4535). Ends Sun.

JONATHAN ADAMS IN WONDERLAND: Artist inspired by Surrealism, with subjects including delirious jungles, decaying cathedrals, and mysterious cities, evoking melancholy and sometimes alarming visions.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141). Until Sun.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

LAODICEAN
(b) Laodicea is the ancient name for Latakia, a seaport in north-western Syria: "Thou art neither hot nor cold.: So then because thou art lukewarm I will spue thee out of my mouth." *Revelations.*

COMMINUTE
(a) To reduce to minute particles, *com-* Latin intensive prefix, and *minuere*, to diminish.

SHALLOP
(c) Originally a fore-and-aft rigged vessel, now any dinghy propelled by oars and sails. From Old German *Schalippe*.

VARIORUM
(a) An edition giving varying readings and versions of a text and scholarly annotations. Masculine genitive plural of *varius*, of various kods.

ARCTOID
(b) Ursine. The *Arctoidea* include raccoons and weasels as well as bears.

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending November 21 1987

FICTION

1	**Hot Money,** Dick Francis	Michael Joesph	£10.95
2	**Spring of the Ram,** Dorothy Dunnett	Michael Joseph	£10.95
3	**Moon Tiger,** Penelope Lively	Deutsch	£ 9.95
4	**Winter,** Len Deighton	Century Hutchinson	£10.95
5	**Wolf Winter,** Clare Francis	Heinemann	£10.95

NON-FICTION

1	**Whitaker's Almanack 1988**	J Whitaker	£15.25
2	**Pocket Wine Guide 1988,** Hugh Johnson Mitchell Beazley		£ 4.95
3	**Oscar Wilde,** Richard Ellmann	Hamish Hamilton	£15.00
4	**Catlore,** Desmond Morris	Cape	£ 5.95
5	**Discovery of the Titanic,** Robert Ballard Hodder & Stoughton		£16.95

PAPERBACKS

1	**The Panic of '89,** Paul Erdman	Sphere	£ 3.50
2	**Catmopolitan,** Ilene Hochberg	Corgi	£ 5.95
3	**Giles Cartoons**	Express Books	£ 2.25
4	**Whirlwind,** James Clavell	Coronet	£ 4.95
5	**Authorised Game Book, Trivial Pursuits**	Corgi	£ 5.95
6	**The Old Devils,** Kingsley Amis	Penguin	£ 3.95
7	**The Fish Course,** Jane Hicks	BBC	£ 6.95
8	**Emerald Decision,** Craig Thomas	Fontana	£ 3.50
9	**The Free Frenchman,** Piers Paul Read	Pan	£ 3.50
10	**Going Solo,** Roald Dahl	Penguin	£ 3.50

Source: Hatchards, 187 Piccadilly, London W1

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795. Tom'l 7.45 LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Kenneth Klein (cond) Hideko Udagawa (violin)

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL (01-928 3191) CC (928 8800) Tonight 7.30 WARSAW PHILHARMONIC Ic. Kazimierz Kord John Lill. Sibelius: Finlandia: Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 5 (Emperor); Shostakovich Symphony No.5

ALBERY 836 3878 cc 379 6565/ 379 4444 & 741 9999. Groups 836 3962 "IN THE BEST TRADITION OF SPITTING IMAGE AND MONTY PYTHON" Gdn JOHN SESSIONS' THE LIFE OF NAPOLEON directed by Kenneth Branagh "VERY, VERY FUNNY" Times Evs 8pm & Sat 5pm & 8.30pm FOR 2 WEEKS ONLY!

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APOLLO 437 2663 CC 434 3598 CC with bkg fee First Call 24hr/7days 240 7200/CCTB 741 9999/Open All Hours 379 4444 Group Sales 930 6123 "NICELY NERVE-RACKED EVENING" E.Shorter **DENSDALE LANDEN SANDRA DENNENWATER and JEREMY BULLOCH in** DANGEROUS OBSESSION Gripping new thriller by N J Crisp "Powerfully applies the tricks of suspense" Times. "HOLDS YOUR NERVES AT FULL STRETCH...TENSION JUNKIES WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED" D. Mail Eves 8pm. Sat 6.30 & 8.30. Mats Thu 3.00pm EXTRA PERF 24 DEC at 2.30

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CAMBRIDGE THEATRE Earlham St. WC2 Box Office & CC 01-379 5399 (NO BKG FEE). CC 1st Call 24hr/7 day 240 7200 (NO BKG FEE). CCTB 741 9999 (NO BKG FEE) & Open All Hrs 379 4444 (BKG FEE). Group Sales 930 6123 LOLA GEORGE COLE IAN MARVEY in the "...DELIGHTFULLY ZESTFUL PRODUCTION OF THE BROADWAY MUSICAL" D. Ex PETER PAN "...A HISSING SUCCESS" Std. "...ENTERTAINING TO ADULTS...AND A TREAT FOR ADULTS TO-BE". D. Tel Eves 7.30. Wed & Sat mats 2.30 November 30 at 5.00pm

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COTTESLOE "S" National Theatre 928 2252 Tomor 7.30 THE TANG MENG new play by Nick Darke.

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DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 cc 379 6565/6464 Till Dec 5 EMRYS BY JOHN. presents MACBETH Eves 7.30. Mats Thur 2.30. Sat 3.00

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GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/ 741 9999. First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee). MAGGIE SMITH MARGARET TYZACK in LETTICE AND LOVAGE a new comedy by PETER SHAFFER with RICHARD PEARSON directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE Mon-Sat 7.45 evenly. Sat Mat 3.00

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 855 3600 (no bkg fee) Evenings 7.45. Mats Sat 2.30 A COLLIER'S FRIDAY REST by D.H. Lawrence. "...a living presence" Times. F. Times. "Finely cast and beautifully acted" Std. From Dec 3 BELLS ARE RINGING The Comden & Green/Sonne Musical

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 Previews from Dec 16 OPENS DEC 18 at 7.0 MICHAEL GRENE HORSDEN WORTH and MICHAEL DENISON in YOU NEVER CAN TELL by Bernard Shaw Directed by TONY ROBERTSON Eves 7.30 Mats Weds & Sats 3.00 First Call 24hr/ 7 day cc bkgs

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in Dummy Ache (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes *national and international news* at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; *regional news and travel reports* at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; *weather* at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.**
8.40 Open Air. Eamonn Holmes *receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television output* **8.55** *Regional news and weather.*
9.00 News and weather followed by **Neighbours** (r). **9.20 Kilroy.** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a *studio discussion on* UFOs, with documentary film of the latest *sightings.*
10.00 News and weather followed by *Going for Gold* (r). **10.25 Children's BBC.** Programme *details and birthday greetings* followed by **Play School** (r). *and Pinny's House* (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. Barry Foster *with a thought for the day* **11.00 News** and weather followed by *Open Air*
12.00 News and weather followed by *Daytime Live* presented by Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30 Neighbours.** Mike fights for Nikki's honour. **1.50 Going for Gold.** Quiz.
2.15 Children in Need. Joanna Lumley sets the scene as the final touches are put to Studio 3 at Television Centre in readiness for *tomorrow's marathon Children* in Need appeal.
2.35 Film: The Black Sheep of Whitehall (1941, b/w) starring Will Hay, *John Mills and Basil* Sydney. Comedy about an *insolvent correspondence* college principal being mistaken *for a top Whitehall economics* expert. Directed by Will Hay and Basil Dearden.
3.50 Jimbo and the Jet Set (r). **4.00 Chucklehounds** (r). **4.05 Benji, Zax and the Alien Prince** (r). **4.30 Around the World with Willy Fogg.**
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter.
5.35 Masterteam 87. Quiz game for teams.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Simon Bates and Gary Davies.
7.30 EastEnders. Den is forced to help his dubious associates. (Ceefax)
8.00 Tomorrow's World includes the first of a series of reports from Judith Hann in China. By a lake near Beijung, *Judith* visits one of the world's most advanced solar telescopes. Back in the studio there is news of a small instrument that can monitor levels of chemicals in the blood and a communications system for reducing the risk of a mid-air collision.
8.30 In Sickness and in Health. Alf *falls asleep and dreams of scoring* a triple century for England at *Lord's. The commentator* is Brian Johnston.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie *Thrower. Regional news and* weather.
9.30 The Mistress. Luke, deserted by both his women, stays at home watching television with a can of beer (r).
10.00 Children in Need. A preview of tomorrow's appeal for the Children in Need charity.
10.30 Question Time. Joining Sir Robin Day tonight are Maggie Clay, Ruth Wishart and MPs Nicholas Ridley and Frank Dobson.
11.30 International Snooker. *Quarter-final action in the* Tennents United Kingdom *Championship, introduced by* David Vine.
12.10 Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax 9.25 Daytime on Two: two Austrian apprentices **9.42** Colouring textiles **10.15** *Science: highlighting* **10.38** Science: predicting **11.00** *Thinkabout* **11.15** *The toy* industry **11.35** Drama about a teenager learning kung fu **12.05** Biotechnology **12.25** A major *issue of the week* **12.50** Microtechnology **1.20** For the young **1.38** Music: grouping beats **2.00 News** and weather followed by drums and drumming.
2.15 International Snooker. The *remaining quarter-final matches in* the Tennents United Kingdom Championship, introduced by David Vine from the Guild Hall, Preston. Includes news, regional news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50.**
4.00 It's My Pleasure. Fay Weldon talks to Desmond Lynam about her favourite television memories.
4.30 International Snooker. Further coverage of the action at the Guild Hall, Preston.
5.30 Vintage Floyd. Keith Floyd tastes the delights of freshwater pike and salmon (r).
6.00 Battlestar Galactica. Science *fiction adventures.*
6.50 Cover to Cover. *A Good Enough Parent*, by Bruno Bettelheim, *More Die of Heartbreak*, by Saul Bellow, and *The Child in Time*, by Ian McEwan, are discussed by Jill Neville, Margaret Forster and Andrew Neil.
7.20 Thinking Aloud. The Unholy Trinity — religion, nationalism and politics, is discussed by Fred Halliday, Ali Mazrui, Edward Mortimer and Malise Ruthven. Michael Ignatieff is in the chair.
8.00 Call My Bluff. Arthur Marshall is joined by Marion Montgomery and Tim Brooke-Taylor; Frank Muir by Sheila Gish and Denis Lawson.
8.30 Top Gear Rally Report. Highlights of the Lombard RAC Rally.
9.00 Alas Smith and Jones. Comedy from Mel and Griff. (Ceefax)
9.30 40 Minutes: Poor Man's Eton. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.10 International Snooker from Preston.
10.40 Newsnight 11.25 Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am introduced by Heather Scott and Richard Keys.
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. Includes news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; and pop music at **7.55.** After Nine includes Claire Rayner discussing TV-am's cervical cancer campaign.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Runway. Travel quiz presented by Chris Serle **10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News** headlines **10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . .** Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
11.10 Puddle Lane. Puppet series **11.25 Thames news** headlines **11.30 Look Good, Feel Great.** This week's edition of the health *magazine includes a report on* school meals **12.00 The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.
12.30 News with Julia Somerville **12.50 Thames news.**
1.00 Falcon Crest. Drama serial about the wine barons of California **1.55 Home Cookery Club.** *Barley 'n' Beef Stew* **2.00 Cross Wits.** Word game
2.30 All Our Yesterdays. *Bernard* Braden and Dorothy Hyman watch *news clips from November* 1962 **3.00 Take the High Road.** *Brian makes a generous* gesture to help Dougal and Donald **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 Flicks. Christopher Lillicrap with the story of the *Fox Went Out on a Chilly Night* **4.10 The Telebugs 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips.** Adventures of two garden gnomes. **4.45 The Haunted School.** Children's drama serial.
5.15 Blockbusters.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news.**
6.25 Help reports from the *Retirement '87 exhibition.*
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Sandie is shaken by a case of mistaken identity.
7.30 Only When I Laugh. Comedy series set in the men's ward of a general hospital (r).
8.00 Strike It Lucky. Quiz game.
8.30 This Week: Royal Pursuits. Denis Tuohy examines the uneasy relationship between Buckingham Palace and the Press.
9.00 The Equalizer. The daughter of a police inspector is given 48 hours to furnish a mobster with her father's progress in an investigation. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 The City Programme includes an appraisal of penny shares.
11.00 01- for London. A critical guide to the capital's entertainment scene.
11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama *serial set in an Australian* women's prison.
12.30 Meltdown featuring Motorhead and Anti-Nowhere League in concert.
1.00 A Problem Aired. Viewers' *emotional problems discussed by* experts.
1.30 Jessie. *Police psychiatrist* drama series.
2.30 News headlines followed by **Too Close for Comfort.** Comedy series.
3.00 Film: Escape from the Planet of the Apes (1971) starring Roddy McDowall, Kim Hunter and Bradford Dillman. The three *intelligent chimpanzees* arrive back in modern America and are treated as celebrities until Zira becomes pregnant, sparking off fears that they may become a threat. Directed by Don Taylor.
4.35 The Twilight Zone: Chameleon. A tale of the *supernatural.*
5.00 ITN World News 5.30 CNN Headline News. *Ends at* **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Business Daily.
12.30 Just 4 Fun. Hans Andersen's *The Ugly Duckling.*
1.00 Circuit Training. Electronics. (Oracle) **1.30 How to Survive the 9 to 5.** Work-related stress (r). (Oracle)
2.00 Their Lordships' House (r).
2.20 Film: Last Holiday (1950, b/w) starring Alec Guinness, Kay Walsh and Sidney James. A quiet, gentle Northerner discovers he has only two months to live. Directed by Henry Cass.
3.55 Film: The Travel Game (1958) starring Hubert Gregg. A British Rail documentary in which a man on a train leaving London's Liverpool Street station lets his imagination run riot as he tries to guess the destinations of his fellow passengers.
4.30 Countdown.
5.00 Ice Skating. The Tuborg British Figure Skating Championships.
5.30 Rhythmic Gymnastics. The New Zealand Lamb International.
6.30 The Sharp End includes a report on why trade union *legislation in the new* Employment Bill is coming under fire from all sides of the *political spectrum.*
7.00 Channel 4 News
7.50 Comment and Weather.
8.00 Equinox: At the Edge. A *documentary about the history of* fighter pilots and their aircraft. (Oracle)
9.00 Film: I'll Never Forget What's'isname (1967) starring Orson Welles and Oliver Reed. Comedy drama about a successful advertising executive who decides to throw in his job, wife and two mistresses to go and work for a small literary magazine. Directed by Michael Winner.
10.50 Raoul Wallenberg: Between the Lines. A documentary film about the Swedish diplomat who saved the lives of thousands of Jews during the Second World War.
12.30 Their Lordships' House.
12.45 Film: The Whole Shootin' Match (1979, b/w) starring Lou Perry and Sonny Davis. Comedy set in 1930s rural Texas *about two men and their get-*rich-quick schemes which always *end in failure. Directed by* Eagle Pennell. Ends at **2.45.**

Eton for the deprived

TELEVISION CHOICE



Some of the pupils of Woolverstone Hall, the school over whose future an axe is poised: on BBC2, 9.30pm

● Woolverstone Hall, an 18th century stately home in Suffolk, is the unlikely setting for Britain's only state comprehensive boarding school. It is run by the Inner London Education Authority and makes a point of trying to take *boys from deprived backgrounds.* But it costs so much to run — £2 million a year — that Ilea has been forced to recommend its closure and only a reprieve from the Education Secretary, Kenneth Baker, will keep the school going after the early 1990s. Tonight's edition of **40 Minutes** (BBC2, 9.30pm) looks at Woolverstone Hall and the *arguments surrounding its future.* It is known as the "poor man's Eton", but if realistic fees were charged they would be higher than Eton's. Most parents make only a token payment of £100 a year. Woolverstone Hall is a curious mixture of public school *ritual and inner city curriculum*, has a pupil/teacher ratio of 8 to 1 and boasts that not one of its leavers has gone straight to the dole queue. For *many of its pupils, the school* is a substitute home, offering the care and security that a broken family in the world outside can no longer provide. The case against it, in these belt-tightening times, is that the very high cost benefits only a tiny number of pupils, *just 40 out of the 19,000* 11-year-olds entering Ilea secondary schools each year. The film's producer, Richard Denton, is no stranger to education documentaries, having made *Public School* and *Kingswood, A Comprehensive.* His portrait of Woolverstone Hall is enhanced with profiles of three of its pupils, including a little Nigerian boy whose parents have abandoned him to the care of a cousin.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
5.30am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith with Round Britain Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Rod McKenzie) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **9.00** The Bees Gees **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw. **VHF** Stereo *Radios 1 and 2*- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30.** Sports Desks **6.31am, 7.31, 8.31, 10.02, 12.02pm, 1.05, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45** (mw) **9.55.** Sports Round-Up **8.50am**
4.00am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore (from Cwmbran Stadium in Gwent, for Children in Need) **7.30** Derek Jameson (incl today's Children in Need auction) **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Esther Rantzen **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00-4.00** Children In Need: Derek Jameson launches 24 hours of music. Joining him are radio personalities and many guests.

WORLD SERVICE

All times are given in GMT
6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** A Drop of the Irish **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Country Style **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News, Sports Roundup **9.45** Training for Tomorrow **10.00** News **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Two Cheers for November **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.25** Letter from America **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Dave Gelly's Songbook **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Writes On ... **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** News **4.09** *Commentary* **4.15** *Assignment* **4.45** *World* Today **5.00** News **5.09** Letter from England **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heure Actuel **8.00** News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News **9.01** *Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man* **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Letter from England **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Merchant Navy Programme **11.30** Time for Verse **11.40** Farming World **12.00** News **12.09** News *About Britain* **12.15** *Radio Newsreel* **12.30** Music Now **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Dave Gelly's Songbook **1.45** Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** Tech Talk **2.30** Citizens **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today.

Radio 3

4.55 am: *Test Match Special.* Day two of the Pakistan v *England match in Lahore.* Until **11.35am.** On VHF and MW, but on MW only from **6.55am**
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Smetana (From Bohemia's Woods *and Fields: Israel PO*), George Butterworth (Six *Songs, A Shropshire Lad:* Graham Trew, baritone), Mozart (Horn Concerto No 2: Hermann Baumann, with Vienna Concentus Musicus), Bax (The Happy Forest: Ulster Orchestra) **8.00** News
8.05 Concert (contd): Wagner (*Forest Murmurs, Siegfried:* Berlin PO), Schumann (Waldszenen, Op 82: Wayside Inn. The Prophet Bird, Hunting Song: Kempff, piano), Mahler (What the Flowers and Field Tell Me, second movement of Symphony No 3), Dohnanyi (Ruralia Hungarica, Op 32b: Budapest SO)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Dufay. a recording of the Missa Ecce ancilla Domini
9.40 Beethoven and Howells: Manoug Parikian (violin), Hamish Milne (piano). Beethoven (Sonata in E flat Op 12 No 3), Howells (*Sonata No 3*)
10.25 Dvorak: Berlin PO under *Rafael Kubelik perform the* Symphony No 9
11.15 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts (r)
11.35 Stars and Stripes: Ulster Orchestra under James Lockhart, with Gillian Weir (organ). Copland (Billy the Kid suite; Fanfare for the *Common Man*), Morton Gould (Spirituals), Sousa (*Stars and Stripes for Ever*), Howard Hanson (Organ Concerto)
1.00 News bulletin
1.05 Franz Schubert Quartet: from Birmingham. Beethoven (String Quartet in C, Op 59 No 3), Shostakovich (String *Quartet No 7*)
2.00 Piano recital: Noemy Belinkaya plays Tchaikovsky's The Seasons, and Chopin's Scherzo No 1 in B minor
2.50 Athalia: oratorio by Handel. Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood, with Choir of New College, Oxford, and *soloists Emma Kirkby,* Margaret Cable, Daniel Johnston, James Bowman, Anthony Rolfe Johnson. and David Thomas. Part one. Part two begins at **3.50,**



Gillian Weir: Stars and Stripes, R3, 11.35am

after interval reading at **3.45**
5.00 World Service News
5.10 *Mainly for Pleasure:* recorded music selection, presented by Richard Baker
6.25 Bandstand: Sun Life Band (conducted by Flight Lieut. Robert Wiffin) play Eric Ball's A Kensington Concerto, and John McCabe's Images **6.55** *News bulletin*
7.00 A Left-Handed Legacy: *Julian Katchen (piano), with* Britten conducting the LSO, play Britten's *Diversions*
7.30 A Mozart Concert: Charles Mackerras conducts The Age of Enlightenment in performances of the overture to Don Giovanni; Symphony No 36; and Serenade in D, K *250.* With interval reading at **8.10**
9.15 *Boris Berman: piano recital.* Brahms (Variations and *Fugue on a theme of* Handel), and Debussy (Estampes)
10.00 Music in our Time:from 1987 Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival. The Arditti String Quartet perform Robert Platz's Zeitstrahl, Brian Ferneyhough's *Quartet No* 3, Sofia Gubaidulina's *Quartet No 2*, and Elliott Carter's Quartet No 4
11.15 Gyorgy Sandor (piano) plays Bartok transcription of Frescobaldi's Toccata and Fugue in G minor
11.25 Berg's Lyric Suite: performed by Lindsay String Quartet, with Sarah Walker (*mezzo*)
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown
4.25 am Test Match: Pakistan v England. On MW and VHF, but on MW only from **6.55am**



Oliver Reed: in tonight's Channel 4 film, 9.00pm

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES 5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Time and Place **12.10am-12.15** News and weather **SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00** Dotsman **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** *Masterteam 87* **8.30-9.00** *Spotlight* **12.10am-12.15** News and weather **ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

BBC2 **WALES 6.30am-6.55** *Masterteam 87.*

ANGLIA **As London except:12.50pm** News **1.00-2.00** Outsiders **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **7.00-8.00** Murder, She Wrote **10.30** Cambridge Folk Festival **11.00** Kojak **12.00** Donahue **1.00am** The Forum Presents **2.00-2.30** Cover Story **5.00** Once Upon a Time...Man **8.30** Easy Street **6.00** Closedown.

BORDER **As London except:12.50pm** News **1.00-2.00** Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** Clegg's People **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.35** Lookaround **10.30** Magnum **11.30** Matthew Brown Pool Classic **12.30am** Closedown.

CENTRAL **As London except:12.00-12.30pm** Young Doctors **12.50** News **1.00-2.00** Love Boat **5.00-6.35** News **10.35** Central Lobby **11.05** Sportsworld **12.00** Film: Barefoot in the Park **1.55am** Dateline Thursday **2.55** News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL **As London except:12.00-12.30pm** The Young Doctors **12.50** News **1.00** Farmhouse Kitchen **1.30** Country Practice **2.00-2.30** The Sullivans **3.00-3.30** Child's Play **6.00-6.35** Channel Report **10.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.30** Party with the Rovers **12.00** Industry Year **12.05am** The Baron **1.00** Closedown.

GRAMPIAN **As London except:12.50pm** *News* **1.00-2.00** *Love Boat* **3.00** Sons and Daughters **3.30** Smurfs **3.45-4.00** Trang Trang **6.00-6.35** North Tonight **7.00-7.30** Take the High Road **10.30** America's Top 10 **11.00** *Crann Tara* **11.30** Oil **12.30am** News. Closedown.

GRANADA **As London except:12.50pm** Granada Reports **1.00-2.00** Country Practice **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.25** This Is Your Right **6.30-7.00** Crossroads **10.30** *New North* **11.00** *9 to 5* **11.30** Minnie the Moocher **12.25am** Closedown.

HTV WEST **As London except:12.50pm** News **1.00-1.55** Country Practice **6.00-6.35** *News* **10.30** West This Week **11.10** Weekend Outlook **11.15** Hunter **12.15am** Closedown.

HTV WALES **As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.35** Wales at Six **10.30** Wales This Week **11.00** Artists of Wales **11.30-12.30am** Hunter.

SCOTTISH **As London except:12.50pm** *News* **1.00-2.00** Country Practice **3.00** The Human Factor **3.30-4.00** That's The Law **6.00-6.35** Scotland Today **7.00-7.30** Take the High Road **10.30** Scottish Questions **11.15** America's Top Ten **11.45** *Late Call* **11.50** Crann Tara **12.20am** Closedown.

TSW **As London except:12.50pm** News **1.00-2.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **6.00** Today **6.25** Survival of the Fittest **6.55** Televiews **7.05-7.30** Easy Street **10.32** Prisoner Cell Block H **11.30** The Forum Presents **12.25am** Postscript, Closedown.

TVS **As London except:12.00-12.30pm** The Young Doctors *12.50 News* **1.00** *Farmhouse* Kitchen **1.30** Country Practice **2.00-2.30** The Sullivans **3.00-3.30** Child's Play **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast **10.30** Prisoner Cell Block H **11.30** Agenda **12.00** Employment Action! **12.05am** The Baron **1.00** Company, Closedown.

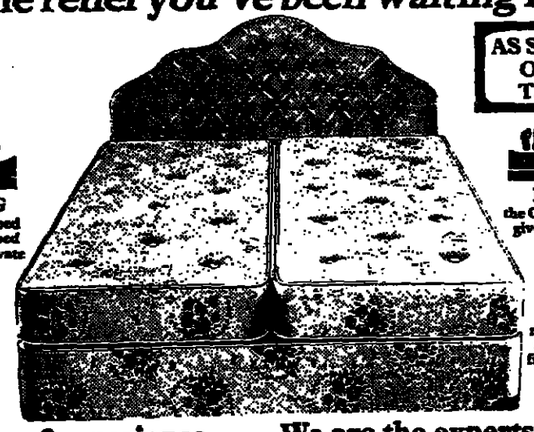
TYNE TEES **As London except:12.50pm** News **1.00-2.00** The Outsiders **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **10.32** First Edition **11.00** Darts **11.30** Murder, She Wrote **12.30am** Closedown.

ULSTER **As London except:12.50pm** Newstime **1.00** Short Story Theatre **1.30-2.00** Out of Town **3.30-4.00** Bygones **6.00** Six Tonight **6.25-6.35** Police Six **10.30** *Counterpoint* **11.00** Finding Fax Future **12.00** Easy Street **12.25am** Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE **As London except:12.00** Lunchtime Live **12.50** News **1.00-2.00** Carson's Law **6.00-6.35** Calendar **10.30** Jimmy's **11.30** Fight Night **12.30am** Film: Bloodline **3.00** Jobfinder **4.00** Close

S4C **Starts:9.30am** Schools **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** Countdown **1.00** Open College **1.30** How to Survive the 9 to 5 **2.00** Film: Stalting Pretty **3.30** Monsters' **4.00** Fhilabiam **4.15** Sam Tan **4.25** Hafoc **5.00** Sblat **5.30** World Rhythmic Gymnastics **6.00** Brookside **6.30** Moneyspinner **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Codi Pais **8.00** Cefn Gwlad **8.35** Stid **9.35** Snwcer **10.15** Hill Street Blues **11.10** Ice Skating **11.40** Gymnastics **12.45am** Film: Whole Shootin' Match **2.45** Closedown.

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Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping forecast **6.00** News briefing: weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** *News* **6.45** Business news **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; travel
9.00 News
9.05 Punters: An opportunity for members of the public to make their own investigative *radio programme*
9.45 An Infamous Address: Back to the scenes of past crimes, scandals and intrigue (4): Vanity Fair, Thames Ditton Island. With Nigel Farrell and Susan Marling
10.00 News; The Natural History *Programme*: Fergus Keeling, Lionel Kelleway and Jessica Holm report on the latest wildlife news
10.45 An Act of Worship: from Broadcasting House (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens: second of this week's episodes
11.25 *Conversation Piece: Sue* MacGregor talks to Christina Smith, pioneer in the revival of Covent Garden.
11.50 African Encounters: Ferdi Dennis talks about his visit to Africa (5): Maputo
12.00 News; You and Yours: presented by John Howard
12.25 Dial M For Pizza: Comedy sketch series with Robert Bathurst, Brenda Blethyn, *Mike Grady and Jonathan* Kydd.(r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 *The World at One*
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; *Woman's Hour: with* Jenni Murray
3.00 News; *High Fantastical (new* series): Five magical plays. *(1) Lady Faustus, by* Michael Payne, with Rula *Lenska, James Aubrey, and* Mary Wimbush. (see Choice)
4.00 News bulletin
4.05 Bookshelf: with Nigel Forde. The comedy writing of S.J. Perelman
4.35 Kaleidoscope: includes comment on Waiting for Godot at the National Theatre, and the 31st London Film Festival (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast. **5.55** Weather
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 *My Music: Steve Race* chairs the musical panel game played by John Amis, Frank Muir, Ian Wallace and Denis Norden.
7.00 News
7.05 *The Archers*
7.20 Any Answers? A chance to *air your views on subjects* raised in last week's Any Questions? Introduced by Derek Jones
7.30 Men, Nations and Whales: *Prix Italia award-winning* documentary about the history of whaling, *and the* effectiveness of the five-*year moratorium now in* force.(r)
8.15 Analysis: God's Diplomacy: Chris Cvlic reviews Pope John Paul II's time in office and examines the impact he has had on the world.
9.00 *Does He Take Sugar?: Kati* Whitaker presents the *weekly magazine for the* disabled
9.30 Ian Skidmore in the BBC Sound Archives
9.45 Kaleidoscope: with Paul Vaughan. Items include Fat Pig, at the Leicester *Haymarket; Roger Nichols's* book Ravel Remembered; *and new recordings of the* music from My Fair Lady and Follies (on the Decca and First Night labels respectively). Also, the Fernand Leger exhibition at the Whitechapel Gallery
10.15 A Graham Greene Anthology: The End of the Affair (9). The readers are Kita Markham and Julian Glover **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: *presented by Richard* Kershaw
11.15 *The Financial World Tonight*
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 *News; Weather*
VHF as above except: **9.05-10.45 am** For Schools. **9.05** Preview **9.10** Together — An Assembly for Schools **9.30** Living Language **9.50** First Steps in Drama **10.10** Something to Think About **10.20** Discovery **10.30** Talkwaves **11.00-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Teachers' Talk. **11.05** In the News **11.30** Stories from Our Street **11.50** Listening and Reading **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Looking at Nature **2.20** Let's Make a Story! **2.30** Pictures in Your Mind (Poetry) **2.40** Listen! **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10 am** Schools Night-Time. Deutscher Club **12.30** 2: Kurz und aktuell **12.50** 3: AIDS und anderes Chaotisches

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RADIO CHOICE



Rula Lenska: Lady Faustus, Radio 4, 3.00pm

● Drama-wise, radio can do anything. Turn life upside down and our imagination does the rest. That is where it scores over television. Michael Payne's **Lady Faustus** (Radio 4, 3.00pm) is a splendid exemplar of radio's one-upmanship. If ever a play deserved to shelter under the umbrella title *High Fantastical*, this one does. The ingredients are as bizarre as the way in which director David Johnston has mixed them: the woman of mystery, eternally young, (Rula Lenska) who makes a public appearance only once a year; a young lieutenant (James Aubrey) who is lured to her weird home where he asked to make a life-enhancing sacrifice for her; an eyeless woman servant (Mary Wimbush) who tends both her mistress and her own creatures of the night. Payne has created a Grimm world in which Bram Stoker would feel at home. It would make a perfect opera if Tchaikovsky were still alive to write the score. In the event, it has to manage with Ravel's otherwordly *La valse*, which at least has the virtue of setting off the play's spectacular scene-setting episode at a winter ball, and giving Miss Lenska a marvellous entrance cue.

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Freed IRA man is held after chase across fields

By John Cooney

An IRA Maze escaper was re-arrested last night in the Irish Republic after a chase involving the car of Mr Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader.

The chase followed an embarrassing mix-up between the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Garda over the warrant for his extradition to Northern Ireland.

Paul Anthony Kane had been released in the County Longford village of Granard about 10 minutes after the Crown Court in Belfast issued a warrant to the RUC for his extradition.

Several hours later Irish police re-arrested him near Cavan Town, about 20 miles north-west of Granard, after receiving the warrant for his extradition from the RUC.

As the warrant was on its way from Belfast to the Irish midlands Kane, aged 32, was brought by a BBC crew 20 miles north-west to Cavan. He was followed by two Garda cars and sought refuge in the office of Mr Cormac Dunne, his solicitor.

Kane then went to a house outside the town which was surrounded by troops and police.

Sinn Fein in Dublin said he was driven from the house in Mr Adams' car with Irish police in pursuit. It claimed the car was forced off the road and that Kane tried to flee across fields. He was arrested and taken back to Cavan police station.

Kane, a Belfast man, was jailed for 18 years in 1982 for the attempted murder of a member of the security forces and for possession of firearms. He was convicted on the evidence of Christopher Black, an informer.

Kane took part in the mass escape of IRA prisoners from the Maze in September 1983 was recaptured within 24 hours.

In July 1986 the conviction against him was quashed when the Court of Appeal in Belfast rejected supergrass evidence.

However, Kane was re-arrested on a further charge of having escaped from the Maze Prison. He was released on bail and went missing.

Kane was arrested on Monday in an attic in a house in Granard with another IRA Maze escaper, Dermot Finnucane, aged 26, from Belfast. They were arrested in the early stages of the massive joint Irish police and army search for illegally imported arms.

Initial reports had identified Kane as Paul Brennan, another wanted IRA man. Last night it was thought that this mistaken identity had caused the delay in the RUC's expedition of a warrant for Kane's extradiction.

Finnucane, who had been serving an 18-year sentence for possessing arms used against an army patrol in 1981, was last night due to be charged with escaping from lawful custody.

Earlier, Thomas James Cox, a teacher aged 44 who had been arrested by police in Mullingar, appeared before the special criminal court in Dublin where he was charged with membership of the IRA and of possessing firearms and ammunition.

On hearing the news of the mix-up in the Kane warrant Mr Gerry Collins, the Republic's justice minister, was visibly angered.

Mr Collins' government had just postponed until tomorrow its presentation in parliament of a Bill amending the extradiction acts of 1965 and 1987. This delay results from the insistence of the opposition parties that they needed time to study the implications of the proposed legislation.

New Jersey woman's knee transplant



Dr Richard Schmidt, the surgeon who performed the seven-hour operation, checking X-rays of the knee.



Mrs Susan Lazarchick making progress after becoming the first person to have a successful knee transplant.

Continued from page 1

took about seven hours. The most difficult part was removal of the tumour, which had to be done with extreme care to avoid damaging vital nerves and arteries.

After removal of the tumour, the surgeon removed the patient's knee joint and replaced it with the donor's, including the adjoining bones, tendons and ligaments. When the new knee joint was installed, the surgeon had to re-attach a dozen ligaments and tendons.

A metal rod was inserted in the femur to connect it to the transplant. A plate was attached to the tibia, the larger lower leg bone, to secure it to the lower portion of the transplanted bony structure.

The portion of bone transplanted was about 16 inches long. It included part of the femur, the top six inches of the tibia and the head of the fibula, the other bone of the lower leg. The transplant included the kneecap, the interior cartilage of the knee joint and the half dozen important ligaments that hold the bones of the joint together.

The size of the knee had to be an extremely close match.

The process of preparing the joint for a transplant made it impossible to save the synovial fluid, which cushions and lubricates the knee, Dr Schmidt said. The patient's body is expected to replace this fluid to some extent, but her knee will not be quite comparable to what it was before her operation.

Furthermore, the surgeon said, some of the nerves to the knee joint itself have been lost. For that reason, she will have to exercise care because she will not be able to count on pain to signal every excessive twist or turn.

In other transplants one of the serious problems is protection against rejection because the body's immune system attacks the transplant as foreign tissue. Although this can happen in transplants of bone, Dr Schmidt said, it is much less likely than in transplants of the other tissues.

After the knee was removed from the donor in September, it was stripped of all tissues other than the bones and the attached ligaments and was stored at the bone bank at minus 80 degrees centigrade.

● **Thigh replacement:** A knee transplant has not been carried out in Britain, but operations have been performed in which a diseased section of the thigh has been replaced with a lower part of the limb (Thomson Prentice writes).

The first person to undergo such surgery was an eleven year-old Sunderland girl, suffering bone cancer, almost three years ago.

Commons sketch

Such fun, unless you're a Stewart

"The Parliamentary sketch writers", said Mr Nigel Lawson, accepting his Spectator/Highland Park award for Parliamentarian of the Year after a prosperous lunch at the Savoy, "often make it seem more fun than it actually is". He himself found that it had recently become at times "a boorish place". In his opinion, "there is nothing so boring as a politician with a grudge".

Around him politicians who had either left their grudges at the door, ready for later collection, or who had risen to those dizzy heights at which grudges become expendable encumbrances to comfort, chortled and chirruped. The sketch writers, shocked that their vivid eye-witness descriptions of sin and barbarity could have been misinterpreted as fun by one so lofty, slunk back dispirited to the Chamber.

There, Mr Tony Newton was relating radical cutbacks in the National Health Service to one of the sleepiest Houses on record. His White Paper proposed charging for checks on teeth and eyes, and forcing doctors into the market-place, grievous setbacks, one might have thought, for all true Socialists. But not, apparently, for those in the Chamber. They greeted his hard-hitting proposals with the slovenly antipathy they would more usually reserve for a minor proposal for a tiny new by-pass somewhere in Wales.

Sketch writers looked around for a bit of boorishness or at very least the glimpse of grudge, but in vain. Labour's front-bench spokesman, Mr Robin Cook, attempted a speech of contained fury. Alas, he managed to contain that fury so thoroughly that few could have noticed it was there. He returned to his seat with all the mildness of a cheery garden gnome whose fishing-rod has been momentarily mislaid.

Perhaps sensing that the Opposition was lost for words, Dame Jill Knight, at whose knee The Queen Mother might learn lessons in etiquette, thoughtfully rose to protest. She feared that charging for eye-tests would not be cost-effective, since fewer eye-tests would mean more long-term ailments. Holding her train, numerous Tory backbenchers followed her in protest, tempering Mr Newton's shock by thoughtfully prefacing their comments with a genuflective "While welcoming, blah, blah..."

Mr John Redwood, (Cons, Wokingham), flushed with his Spectator award for New Member of the Year, suggested that payment for services might encourage doctors into unnecessary activity. How awful it would be, he might usefully have added, were MPs to be paid by the number of words they uttered; an all-night session would represent a sizeable nest-egg for those with sufficiently well-maintained grudges.

When the Speaker bellows the name of "Mr Andy Stewart" enthusiasts look about excitedly for the very lovely Miss Moira Anderson and the lads and lassies of the White Heather Club, only to find the solitary Conservative member for Sherwood standing ready. Mr Stewart was worried that Mr Newton's proposals would create a rift between him and his daughter, who is a dental surgeon. In reply, Mr Newton seemed to hold out little hope for a happy Stewart family Hogmanay.

Mr Andrew Faulds (Lab, Warley East), from whose theatrical lips a savage attack on the Government is more reminiscent of a pre-panto-mime voice exercise, spoke of "this benighted Government", wondering whether its junior ministers were given "special training in the presentation of policies in which they have no belief". Delighted that the bearded wolf had once again thrown off his togs to reveal himself as a lovable granny, Mr Newton chuckled politely.

Towards the very end, the backbench bootboys began to realise that there had been a raid on their clubhouse. Slashing around with statistics, Mr Bob Cryer (Lab, Bradford South), thought he had proved that, under the Tories, "mass extermination has a higher priority than dental care". Mr Tony Banks (Lab, Newham NW) spoke of the "evil, rapacious and uncaring bunch opposite".

It was all such fun, such fun.

Craig Brown

Republic 'may hinder terrorist extraditions'

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The Government fears that extraditing alleged terrorist suspects from the Irish Republic will be more difficult as a result of safeguards proposed by the Irish government.

Although the Government has publicly welcomed the decision of Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, to ratify the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, there is private dismay that the Republic is planning a number of measures which it is thought will hinder the extradition process.

The Northern Ireland Office said yesterday: "We understand the Irish concern for safeguards, but we are concerned to maintain viable extradition arrangements with the Republic. In spite of our misgivings we will do our best to make the system work".

Sir Patrick Mayhew, Attorney-General, has serious reservations about proposals by Mr Haughey as a means of appeasing Fianna Fail backbenchers who are opposed to making extradition any easier.

The Government and its law officers are concerned at maintaining viable extradition arrangements but are concerned that the amendments proposed to the 1965 Extradition Act will have the opposite effect.

British and Irish officials have been involved in detailed discussions about possible safeguards since the minority Fianna Fail government indicated its willingness to ratify the Convention on December 1 in the wake o

Scots MP boycotts committee

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

A senior Scottish Tory backbencher has placed the Government in an embarrassing predicament by declaring that he will not serve on the Scottish Affairs select committee.

Mr Bill Walker, MP for Tayside North, has written to Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the committee of selection, saying that his whips proposed his name without his permission and that he wants nothing to do with the committee. Last night the committee of selection agreed to remove Mr Walker's name but could not decide how to replace him, and the select committee now faces further delays in being set up.

Mr Walker and two other Scottish Tories, Mr Nicholas Fairbairn and Mr Allan Stewart, who also had their names put forward without their agreement, believe the committee is a waste of time and money.

Arms freeze starts at treaty signing

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inspectors on their soil, Mr Shultz replied simply: "No". Under the treaty, Soviet inspectors have the right to arrive in a European Nato country, such as Britain, with four hours' notice and demand to be taken to a base like Greenham Common within six hours.

American inspectors will have similar rights in Russia. There is also provision for satellite inspection to ensure that SS 20s are not being deployed in SS 25 silos. There is to be an "exchange of notes" between Britain (and the other four basing countries) and the Soviet Union laying down the legal basis for Soviet inspections.

The "epoch-making and ground-breaking" procedures — spread over 13 years — testify to a remarkable change in Russian attitudes and could lead to a similar deal on the vast superpower arsenal of strategic weapons, Nato officials said. The prospects for strategic arms reductions talks — known as Start — were bound to dominate the Gorbachov-Reagan summit.

Mr Shultz said the INF treaty was an alliance treaty, not an American one.

Its achievement was a tribute to Nato steadfastness and cohesion, beginning with the so-called twin-track decision of 1979 to deploy cruise and Pershing, while at the same time forcing Moscow to the negotiating table. He put the cost of the Nato deployments — including missile manufacture in America and basing costs in Europe — at $9 billion (£5.1 billion). In addition, Europe had paid a political cost by standing up to protests against the deployments.

The question of the conventional imbalance and short-range nuclear weapons will be considered by Nato defence ministers in Brussels next week.

Mr Shultz left open the possibility of new deployments when he said that while Nato would do nothing to violate INF, air and sea-launched systems were outside its scope.

North Sea agreement on waste

By John Young

An agreement by eight nations bordering the North Sea to reduce and in some cases end the dumping of pollutants was announced last night by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment.

However the impression was given that there were still wide differences. Not a single minister or delegate from any of the other seven countries — Norway, Sweden, Denmark, West Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and France — appeared with Mr Ridley on the platform, and most were said to have left early.

Mr Ridley said that there would be a total ban on the dumping of harmful industrial wastes by the end of 1989. Incineration of poisonous wastes at sea would be "greatly reduced" by 1991 and ended by the end of 1994.

Britain appeared to have rejected requests by the other seven countries to put an end to sewage dumping at sea.

Livingstone is warned

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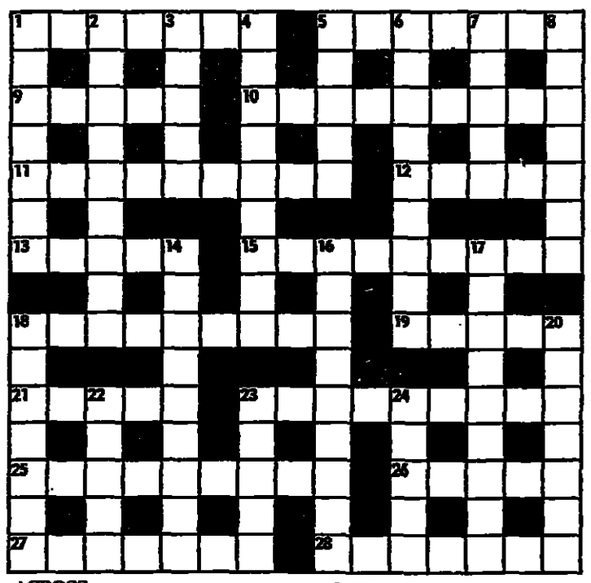
wrong. And you exercise both rights extensively."

Mr Kinnock intervened as other NEC members, including Mr Tony Clarke and Mr John Evans, complained that the furore surrounding Mr Livingstone's remarks was damaging the party. Mr Clarke said that although he accepted Mr Livingstone was not condoning terrorism, the party must not fall into the trap of allowing itself to be portrayed as doing so.

Mr Kinnock said the strongest apparatus of repression in Northern Ireland was the paramilitaries on both sides. The Provisional IRA was the most extensive and therefore the most repressive of all, "with their protection rackets, armed gangsterism and atrocities against ordinary people and their communities". They were not a liberation army in any sense; no government or anyone else could negotiate with them.

It was stressed later that Mr Livingstone, along with Mr Dennis Skinner and Miss Linda Douglas, of the Young Socialists, opposed the motion because of their opposition to the Anglo-Irish Agreement. Mr Livingstone said it was not even-handed because it did not give the same weight to condemning the excesses of the Protestants and the security forces.

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ACROSS

1 Overture to Mozart opera with new set is very intimate (7).
5 Bill North uses the back door (7).
9 Stress is cut after a move (5).
10 Girl given a farewell in London (5,4).
11 Drink time — get the carriage! (9).
12 Laud's former fortune replaced (5).
13 Innocent one in church body (5).
15 Cross with daughter about dress getting soaked (9).
18 Carry on about a Frenchman in a sarcastic way (9).
19 Right about a Scot being cheerful (5).
21 Rule in India with a hard local dignitary (5).
23 Before or after the cowards find one to go in front (9).
25 Ear-ring shapes are in gold (9).
26 The bread-and-butter letter (5).
27 Retributive justice from the daughter of Knox, we hear (7).
28 Fight and beat a tough guy (7)

Concise crossword, page 10

DOWN

1 Decisive in a shoemaker (7).
2 Fallen angel encompasses the awful ruin of a god (9).
3 Two points a girl has to follow (5).
4 Striking musician somehow taps in time endlessly (9).
5 Open award (5).
6 One who cleanses, i.e. a follower of 27 (9).
7 Ordain in play (5).
8 Outside left required to be prodded into action (7).
14 They are not wanted if white or pink (9).
16 Poem, not so much like prose (9).
17 Train sent out, not stopping (9).
18 Model and dad continue joking (7).
20 Curiously rare metal about in this land (7).
22 Scots sweetheart has a drink in a large bowl (5).
23 Supports — necessities in staging plays (5)
24 Extremist who helped to assault Rasputin (5).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

LAODICEAN
a. Cantankerous
b. Indifferent
c. Turncoat

COMMINUTE
a. To pulverize
b. To denounce with the Wrath of God
c. To defer a punishment

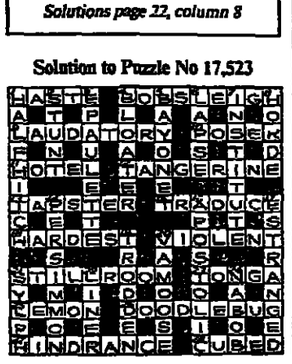
SHALLOP
a. A spring onion
b. An edible shell-fish
c. A boat

VARIORUM
a. A scholarly edition
b. A mild form of smallpox
c. A variation in a coda

ARCTOID
a. Related to the Arctic
b. Like a bear
c. A goitre at the back of the neck

Solutions page 22, column 8

Solution to Puzzle No 17,523



WEATHER

Low pressure over Holland will maintain strong winds over southern Britain. South and east England will have scattered showers. Patchy rain already into western Scotland and Northern Ireland will spread south-east. On high ground in Scotland the rain may be preceded by sleet or snow. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Rain in the east at first, otherwise mostly dry with overnight frost and fog.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Algiers	c	14	57	Majorca	f	13	55
Amst'dam	d	6	43	Malta*ne	c	17	63
Athens	s	19	66	Mexico C*	s	11	52
Belgrade	r	12	54	Moscow	c	0	32
Berlin	r	5	41	Munich	s	7	45
Bermuda*	f	22	72	Naples	f	12	54
Brussels	r	3	37	N Delhi	s	25	77
Budapst	s	13	55	N York*	s	16	61
B Aires*	c	25	77	Peking	r	3	37
Cairo	s	24	75	Perth	s	25	77
Cape Tn	f	18	64	Prague	f	10	50
Ch'church	c	18	64	Reykjvik	c	5	41
Corfu	c	20	68	Rhodes	s	19	66
Dublin	r	5	41	Rio de J	c	26	79
Dubrovnik	fr	11	52	Riyadh	s	28	82
Faro	s	14	57	Rome	c	16	61
Florence	f	13	55	Santiago*	s	29	84
Frankfurt	r	2	36	S Paulo*	f	28	79
Geneva	s	7	45	Seoul	s	15	59
Gibraltar	c	11	52	Sing'por	f	31	88
Helsinki	sn	-10	14	St'kholm	c	1	34
Hong K	f	24	75	Strasb'rg	c	4	39
Innsbruck	f	11	52	Sydney	f	23	73
Istanbul	s	16	61	Tangier	fr	11	52
Jeddah	s	32	90	Tel Aviv	s	22	72
Jo'burg*	f	26	79	Tenerife	c	22	72
Karachi	s	27	81	Tokyo	c	15	59
L Palmas	f	21	70	Valencia	f	12	54
Le Touet	r	7	45	Vanc'ver	f	10	50
Lisbon	s	13	55	Venice	f	10	50
Locarno	r	6	43	Vienna	s	12	54
L Angels*	s	19	66	Warsaw	f	6	43
Luxemborg	sn	0	32	Wash'ton*	c	14	57
Madrid	f	5	41	Zurich	f	7	45

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.51	6.6	5.26	6.8
Aberdeen	4.49	4.0	4.49	4.0
Avonmouth	10.34	11.7	11.02	11.3
Belfast	2.11	3.3	2.27	3.6
Cardiff	10.19	10.8	10.47	10.5
Devonport	9.01	5.2	9.42	4.8
Dover	2.01	6.3	2.29	6.0
Falmouth	8.31	5.0	9.12	4.8
Glasgow	3.48	4.7	3.59	4.9
Harwich	2.39	3.7	3.14	3.8
Holyhead	1.23	5.1	1.42	5.3
Hull	9.36	6.7	9.45	6.7
Ilfracombe	9.11	8.4	9.42	7.9
Leith	6.00	5.2	6.19	5.1
Liverpool	2.13	8.6	2.37	8.7
Lowestoft	12.04	2.5	1.04	2.3
Margate	2.58	4.5	3.35	4.6
Milford Haven	9.34	6.4	10.04	6.0
Newquay	8.28	6.5	8.59	6.1
Oban	8.52	3.6	9.15	3.2
Penzance	8.08	5.3	8.53	4.8
Portland	10.04	2.1	10.44	1.7
Portsmouth	2.40	4.4	2.51	4.3
Shoreham	2.16	5.9	2.34	5.8
Southampton	2.01	4.3	2.13	4.2
Swansea	9.34	8.6	10.02	8.1
Tees	7.09	4.9	7.14	5.0
Witton-on-Nze	2.30	3.9	3.10	4.0

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are GMT

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	0.7	.04	7	45	dull
Bridlington	0.3	.16	7	45	shower
Lowestoft	0.1	.04	8	46	shower
Folkestone	-	.19	7	45	rain
Eastbourne	-	.01	8	48	cloudy
Brighton	0.5	-	8	46	cloudy
Littlehmpton	0.8	-	8	46	bright
Bognor R	1.9	-	8	46	cloudy
Bournemth	2.5	-	7	45	bright
Swanage	2.4	-	8	46	cloudy
Exmouth	5.0	-	7	45	sunny
Torquay	4.7	-	8	46	bright
Falmouth	7.0	-	8	46	sunny
Scilly Isles	4.4	-	9	48	bright
Newquay	4.7	-	10	50	bright
Milmehead	0.5	-	8	46	bright
B'pool Airpt	5.1	-	7	45	sunny
Morecambe	5.8	-	7	45	sunny
Douglas	-	-	6	43	shower
B'ham Airpt	2.8	.02	6	43	shower
Bristol (Cnt)	1.7	-	7	45	bright
Carlisle	2.9	.02	5	41	shower
Nottingham	2.3	.08	6	43	shower
Anglesey	5.4	-	8	46	sunny
Cardiff (Cnt)	4.8	-	8	48	bright
Tenby	6.6	-	8	46	sunny
Aviemore	-	.32	1	34	snow
Eskdalemuir	0.6	.14	3	37	sleet
Glasgow	5.7	-	6	43	sunny
Lerwick	1.5	.06	4	39	hail
Prestwick	4.6	-	7	45	sunny
Tiree	4.3	.01	7	45	sunny
Wick	3.4	.09	5	41	shower

* Denotes figures not available

THE POUND

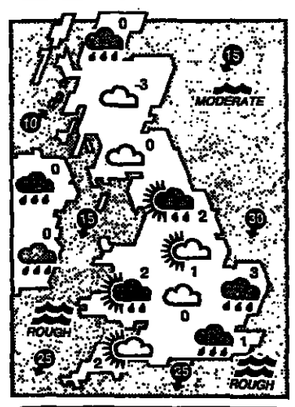
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Australia $	2.65	2.53
Austria Sch	21.80	20.70
Belgium Fr	65.10	61.90
Canada $	2.43	2.31
Denmark Kr	11.98	11.38
Finland Mkk	7.65	7.25
France Fr	10.49	9.99
Germany Dm	3.105	2.945
Greecy Dr	285	275
Hong Kong $	14.35	13.65
Ireland Pt	1.17	1.11
Italy Lire	2275	2165
Japan Yen	252	240
Netherlands Gld	3.49	3.32
Norway Kr	12.00	11.35
Portugal Esc	253	238
South Africa Rd	4.50	3.80
Spain Pta	208.50	197.50
Sweden Kr	11.20	10.65
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.42
USA $	1.87	1.78
Yugoslavia Dnr	3200	2500

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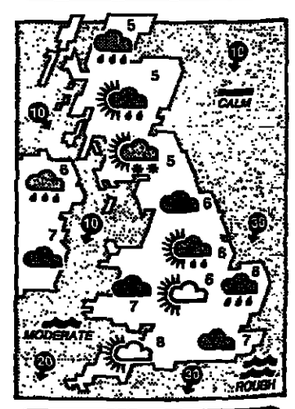
Retail Price Index 102.3 (October)

London: The FT index closed down 18.6 at 1316.6.

AM



PM



MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.015in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, .

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 6 pm, 77 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.6 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1004.5millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	6	43	Guernsey	c	7	45
B'mingham	f	6	43	Inverness	f	1	34
Blackpool	s	6	43	Jersey	r	8	46
Bristol	c	7	45	London	f	7	45
Cardiff	s	8	46	M'chester	f	6	43
Edinburgh	c	5	41	Newcastle	c	6	43
Glasgow	f	6	43	R'nkleway	f	7	45

HIGHEST & LOWEST

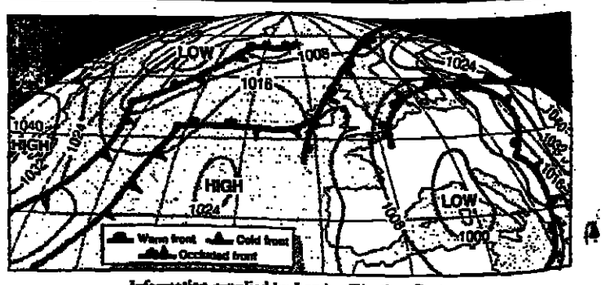
Tuesday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 10C (50F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 2C (36F); highest rainfall: Finningley, South Yorkshire, 0.79in; highest sunshine: Prestwick, 7.1 hr.

Sun rises: 7.36 am
Sun sets: 3.59 pm
Moon rises 12.42 pm
Moon sets 9.32 pm
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LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.29 pm to 7.07 am
Bristol 4.39 pm to 7.17 am
Edinburgh 4.20 pm to 7.41 am
Manchester 4.29 pm to 7.25 am
Penzance 4.57 pm to 7.23 am

NOON TODAY



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PART 2

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1316.8 (–18.6)

FT-SE 100
1664.1 (–25.0)

Bargains
21955 (24801)

USM (Datastream)
134.15 (–0.2)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7955 (+0.0240)

W German mark
2.9940 (+0.0117)

Trade-weighted
75.8 (+0.4)

Inquiry into British Gas

Monopoly probe on industrial pricing

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

British Gas, which has been under attack over its pricing policy for large industrial users since it moved into the private sector, is to be investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The Commisson, which will report within nine months, will decide whether British Gas is exploiting or maintaining a monopoly in supplying large industrial customers.

Large industrial users – those using more than 25,000 therms a day and buying gas on contract rather than being supplied under the normal published tariffs – have already failed in an attempt to have Sir Ian MacGregor, the former head of British Steel and British Coal, nominated to the board of British Gas to represent their interests.

However, complaints about industrial gas pricing policies have now been forwarded to the Office of Fair Trading by the Gas Consumers' Council, trade associations representing large companies, and some individual companies in the steel, chemicals and paper-making industries.

Prices to the domestic consumer are not covered by the reference to the Commission. These are controlled by a formula operated by the Government and related to the retail price index, which has already resulted in price cuts.

Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of the Office of Fair Trading, who ordered the inquiry, said: "Although British Gas has a dominant position in the supply of gas to contract customers, my concern is not about its structure, but about its pricing policy.

"It is not for me to judge the reasonableness or otherwise of the company's prices. But the

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material which has been submitted to me by industrial customers and others is, in my opinion, such as to justify a thorough investigation by the commission."

British Gas has consistently defended its policy over industrial pricing, and says it has fully answered all points raised by the Gas Consumers' Council.

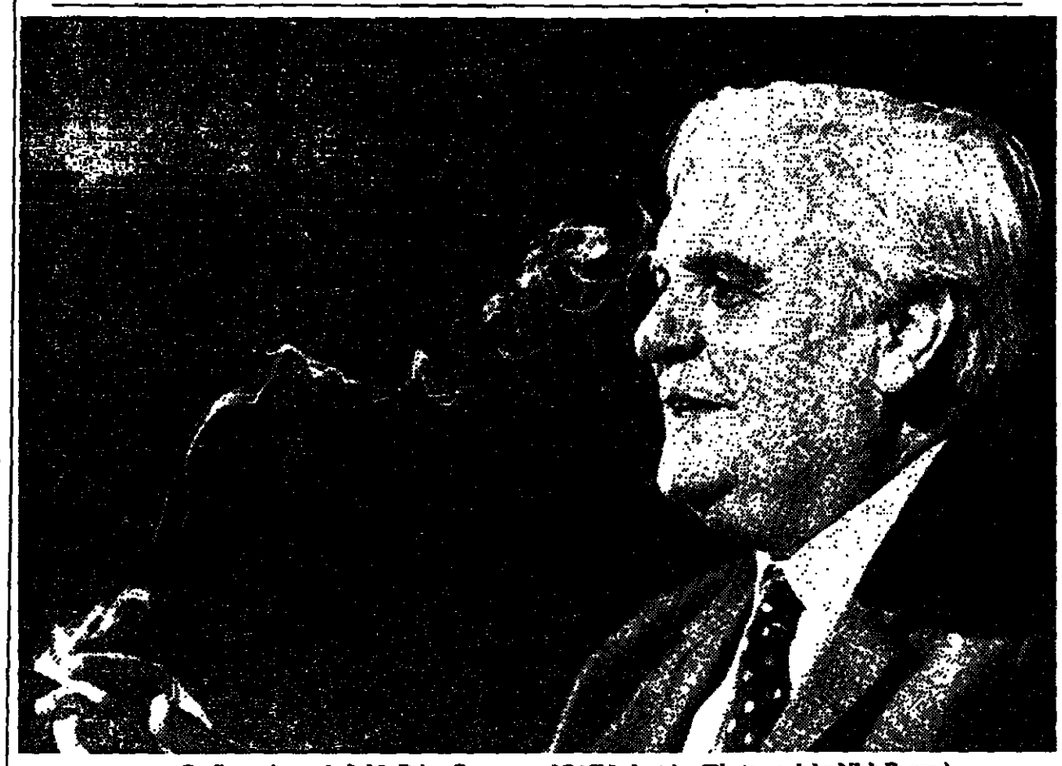
Sir Denis Rooke, the chairman, said the company would co-operate fully. "We welcome the opportunity an inquiry will give to deal with comments about our contract pricing policy. It is important that the issue can be resolved speedily for the removal of doubts and so that senior management can quickly return to the development of the business."

The OFT has decided to call for the inquiry because it feels there is no clear basis for individual contract prices, and no clear relationship to changes in the price of alternative fuels or British Gas's own costs. There also appear to be great differences between prices paid by customers with similar requirements and levels of consumption, says the OFT.

It says that by offering contract prices only for a quarter or even a shorter period British Gas is making it difficult for companies to estimate future gas costs.

It says British Gas appears unwilling to quote a price for supplies on contract to industrial customers until they have installed equipment capable of burning gas as well as oil, making it difficult for companies to judge whether such an investment would be worthwhile.

A wisp of anxiety for tobacco conglomerate



Profits up in smoke?: Mr Brian Garraway of BAT Industries (Photograph by Nick Rogers)

Profits warning from BAT

By Cliff Feltham

BAT Industries, the cigarettes, retailing and financial services conglomerate, sent a shudder through the City yesterday when it gave warning that the turmoil on world currency and stock markets could have a "significant impact on this year's results".

The third-quarter figures, just £7 million up on the same time last year, left the nine months' pretax profits total 16 per cent up: from £882 million to £1,023 million.

Mr Patrick Sheehy, the chairman, said: "The rate of increase has slowed down, as I predicted at mid-year, and it may well slow down further when compared with last year's very strong fourth quarter."

The results caused jitters in the City. Some dealers, who thought the results were much worse than expected because of the omission of some figures on the Topic system, marked the shares sharply lower in early trading, to the company's annoyance. They later recovered to close at 425p, 24p down on the day.

Some analysts, who have been predicting an outcome for the year of about £1.6 billion, subsequently cut their estimates to about £1.4 billion.

One reason for the upset was the decision not to include £41 million investment gains by its Eagle Star business in the third-quarter figures because of the stock market crash.

Mr Brian Garraway, the deputy chairman, said that this "relatively cautious" approach – taken by the group because of the upheaval in the financial markets – was the most appropriate way to deal with the situation.

"We are the first company to be cautious and recognize the turmoil in the financial markets," said Mr Garraway.

Eagle Star had also taken up about £6 million in the third quarter to cover the impact of October's storm damage.

He said that BAT, with some 40 per cent of total profits coming from the US, also faced problems with the falling dollar.

The nine months' profits would have been between £30 million and £40 million lower if the dollar had been calculated at the present 1.79 rate of exchange instead of the 1.63 rate at the end of September.

Shell UK looks to cut jobs

Shell UK is to conduct a detailed review of the staff of Shell Expro, its North Sea oil operation, with the aim of reducing jobs by up to 20 per cent.

At present Shell Expro employs 3,600 people, and the cuts will be concentrated in offices in London, Aberdeen and St Fergus in north-east Scotland, Mossmorran in Fife, Lowestoft, and Bacton. The offshore oil and gas platform staff will not be affected.

The company will begin the review in February. Staff will be grouped into units of 120 who will review operations with advisers and help identify where jobs, although not necessarily people, can be trimmed.

Brewer rises

Greenall Whitley, the brewing, hotels and leisure group, is raising the final dividend on its limited ordinary shares from 3.2p to 3.5p, making 6p (5.5p) after reporting pretax profits for the year ended September 25 of £39.2 million (£35.3 million). Turnover rose from £387.4 million to £429.4 million.

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Hollis buy

Hollis, the engineering and professional services company controlled by Mr Robert Maxwell, is buying Marten Walsh Cherer, one of the largest British law court reporting firms, in a deal worth £680,000.

C&W criticizes Telecom 'delay'

By Colin Campbell

Cable and Wireless yesterday publicly criticized British Telecom for delays in connecting up with its wholly-owned Mercury telephone system, adding that "they are causing us problems by being consistently late".

Mr Gordon Owen, a director of C&W, said he was not able to say if BT was being obstructive. However, BT was now consistently advising Cable and Wireless that it was running late, and C&W was generally having to wait six months before interconnections were made. The longest C&W had been asked to wait was two years – an offer it could not accept.

The group yesterday announced interim pretax profits of £165 million against £160 million, and at the trading level an underlying advance of 16 per cent, despite adverse currency movements that cost the group £14 million. The interim dividend is raised from 2.05p to 2.3p a share. The shares fell 9p to 291p.

The group said it had recently heard some "encouraging words" from Japan, and hoped in the not-too-distant future to resolve its expansion plans there. It also confirmed its intention – once Hong Kong stock market conditions stabilized – to go ahead with the formation of a new holding company in Hong Kong, an area that continued to grow.

There was a 450 per cent advance in turnover by Mer-

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cury in the six months to September 30, and group turnover in the interim period advanced from £438 million to £467 million.

Turnover in Britain rose from £43 million to £53 million, but in the Middle East, Indian Ocean and Africa division it slipped by £10 million to £23 million.

Gearing had fallen from 24 per cent at March balance sheet date to a current 17 per cent.

Courtaulds up 25% in first half

By Alexandra Jackson

Sir Christopher Hogg, Courtaulds chairman, yesterday sounded a note of caution that the 25 per cent increase in first-half profits "should not be taken as an indication of the outcome for the year as a whole".

He explained that favourable trading conditions, which had flattered last year's results from the Courtelle fibres business, were no longer in place.

In addition, £2 million of profits had been brought forward into the first half following a realignment of the year-ends of textile subsidiaries.

Last year, Courtaulds made 41 per cent of it annual profits in the first half. This year, analysts are forecasting nearer 45 per cent being earned in the first half.

In the six months to end-September, Courtaulds reported pretax profits of £102.2 million on turnover up 6 per cent at £1.2 billion.

An interim dividend of 2.75p was declared (2.4p).

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Warburg interim doubles to £76m

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

SG Warburg Group, the merchant banking and securities company, yesterday announced a 100 per cent increase in interim pretax profits to £76 million, beating most City expectations.

The increase owed much to a tripling in the profits of Mercury Asset Management, which presented its first set of independent results since it was floated earlier this year. MAM produced pretax profits of £23.9 million, compared with £7.5 million for the same period last year, and £22.8 million for the whole of last year. Its first interim dividend was set at 3p.

The company said that the profit increase was due to a rise in the number of clients and funds under management, and to the good stock market conditions earlier in the year. But it did not expect the stock market crash to harm its income unduly.

Warburg's group results also benefited from a strong performance in market-making, with banking and securities operations contributing £57.2 million to group profit.

The group did not reveal how much it had lost in the stock market crash since October 19 though much of the earlier gains appear to have been wiped out.

Sir David Scholey, chairman, put the net cost in the second half of underwriting the BP issue at £8 million.

The group announced an increased interim dividend of 3.5p compared with 3p last time.

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Hoare chief goes in reorganization

By Our Banking Correspondent

Mr Anthony Greayer, chief executive of Hoare Govett, resigned yesterday as part of a reorganization that merges the stockbroking firm more closely into Security Pacific, its US bank parent.

Security Pacific announced that is buying in the 15 per cent of Hoare Govett it does not already own. The bank said that the eventual acquisition of the shares had been contemplated when it first agreed to buy Hoare Govett in 1984.

At the same time, the board of the stockbroking firm will be merged with the main board of Security Pacific Hoare Govett, the international securities and investment banking subsidiary of the US bank.

Mr Richard Westmacott, chairman of SPHG, said: "The merger will streamline our management. Mr Greayer is resigning because there will be only one board with room for only one chairman."

He added: "We have been plagued by rumours that SecPac was planning to sell Hoare Govett, but today's move gives the lie to that suggestion. The further integration enables us to have cleaner lines of communication in the company. It is part of the drive to integrate banking and securities operations more closely."

He said the move would have been announced last month but was postponed because of the stock market crash.

Marketing chiefs forecast upturn in economy

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Two out of three marketing and advertising chiefs in Britain's leading companies are convinced that the nation's economy will improve over the next 12 months, in spite of the stock market crash, a new survey reveals today.

More than half of the executives questioned by Mori in a survey commissioned by *Campaign*, the advertising industry magazine, also believe the dramatic plunge in the share price will not have a detrimental effect on their companies' sales – and more than a quarter believe that sales will go up.

The findings are in marked contrast to the attitude of the general public, which takes a much more pessimistic view of Britain's economic future.

The survey, conducted among executives of the 300 companies with the biggest advertising budgets in Britain, was commissioned to discover the possible effect of the crash on company sales, and the revenue to be spent by companies next year on marketing.

The survey shows that 64 per cent of marketing or advertising directors believe Britain's general economic condition will improve in 1988, while 26 per cent feel it will stay the same and only 10 per cent expect it to worsen.

These views are almost identical to those expressed by captains of British industry who were quizzed in the summer, prior to the sudden changes in the exchange.

In spite of the crash, no advertising or marketing director interviewed believed his own company's sales would plummet next year. While 57 per cent forecasted that sales would stay the same, 24 per cent predicted a small growth and 4 per cent expected a large increase. Only 9 per cent think there will be a "small" decline in sales.

It would appear that 1988 will be another boom year for the advertising and marketing industry, as 66 per cent of companies plan to spend more on advertising, and 30 per cent intend to retain their existing budget.

Increases in company budgets were also forecast in new product development (49 per cent), sales promotion (45 per cent), market research (43 per cent), design (38 per cent) and public relations (32 per cent).

But the general public does not share the confidence of big business. Interviewed last month, following the crash, only 33 per cent said they believed the economy would improve, while 31 per cent said it would stay the same, and 25 per cent predicted a downturn in the nation's economic fortunes.

National Institute seeks boost to economic growth

Call for cut in interest rates

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The National Institute for Economic and Social Research yesterday called on the Government to cut interest rates now. In its latest review the traditionally Keynesian Institute says the Chancellor should make an immediate 1 per cent cut, bringing base rates down to 8 per cent, and possibly a further 1 per cent cut by the end of the year or soon after.

The cuts are needed to boost economic growth next year. According to the Institute the economy will grow by only 2.4 per cent next year, compared with 4 per cent this year, and by 1.5 per cent the year after.

However, it does not expect the fall in stock market prices to have a very large effect, and the forecast for growth next year is now actually slightly higher than the 2.2 per cent estimate in its August review. The direct effect of the crash is estimated to be a cut of about 0.3 per cent in consumer spending next year and rather more in subsequent years. There will also be a small adverse effect on investment.

Also important is the rise in sterling against both the dollar and the mark, which will reduce net export growth. Cuts in interest rates would help to restrain the pound from rising further.

	GDP % (a)	Jobless (m)	RPI(b)	Current balance (£bn)
1986	3.0	3.1	3.4	-1.0
1987	4.0	2.7	4.1	-1.6
1988	2.4	2.6	4.9	-2.8
1989	1.5	2.8	5.5	-5.0

(a) Year on year (b) 4th quarter on 4th quarter

Lower growth will slow down the fall in unemployment next year, and in 1989 the numbers out of work could start rising again. Cuts in interest rates are needed to "prop up" the economy rather than to "prop up" the dollar, says the Institute, and should not therefore be made contingent on some new accord between members of the Group of Seven industrial nations.

In the short run stronger sterling will delay the move into balance of payments deficit, on which the Institute has traditionally been among the more pessimistic commentators, as the value of a given volume of exports increases. But the erosion of competitiveness will come home to roost in later years, and by 1989 the current account deficit will have risen to £5 billion.

Inflation, too, will deteriorate in 1989, rather than starting to fall again after next year's temporary increase as the Treasury believes.

The NIESR says the economic recovery over the past few years may owe something to the Government's micro-economic measures and to the encouragement of enterprise. But it gives a warning that Britain still lags far behind its competitors in the crucial areas of technology and workforce skills.

Articles in the review show that spending on research and development remains well below that in competitor countries, and the results of R&D as measured by the number of patents are also inferior. A detailed comparison of kitchen furniture manufacturers in Britain and West Germany demonstrates that output per employee in this industry is more than 50 per cent higher in Germany.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1953.25 (–10.28)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	23219.69 (+363.67)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2184.41 (+49.57)
Amsterdam: Gen	216.7 (–2.5)
Sydney: AO	1296.5 (+30.5)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1373.6 (–2.8)
Brussels:	
General	3844.1 (+12.4)
Paris: CAC	302.3 (+6.5)
Zurich: SKA Gen	444.5 (same)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	634.85 (–9.81)
FT–"500"	920.21 (–13.54)
FT: Gold Mines	327.8 (+15.5)
FT: Fixed interest	95.54 (–0.19)
FT: Govt Secs	89.80 (–0.65)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Vibroplant	595p (+40p)
Pearson	626p (+24p)
Cons. Gold	842p (+40p)
News Intnl.	235p (+10p)
MEPC	435p (+10p)
J Jarvis	675p (+25p)
FALLS:	
Allied Lyons	327p (–14p)
Coats Viyella	247p (–17p)
Dixons	217p (–17p)
Fisons	247p (–12p)
VSEL	460p (–20p)
Reuters	442p (–12p)
Sun Alliance	805p (–20p)
Turnbull Scott	450p (–33p)
Courtaulds	325p (–26p)
BATS	424p (–25p)
ASDA	475p (–25p)
Ratners Group	244p (–14p)
Scott & Robertson	185p (–15p)
Woolworth	275p (–12p)

Closing prices

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month interbank 9-8 15/16%
3-month eligible bills: 8 29/32–8 11/16% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¾%
Federal Funds 6 11/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.70-5.69%*
30-year bonds 98 22/32–98 16/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7955	£: $1.7935*
£: DM2.9940	$: DM1.6690*
£: SwFr2.4598	$: SwFr1.3710*
£: FFr10.1491	$: FFr5.6610*
£: Yen241.67	$: Yen134.75*
£: Index:75.8	$: Index:95.9
ECU £0.689749	SDR £0.756987

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $478.75 pm-$476.50
close $476.50-477.00 (£265.25-265.75)
New York:
Comex $476.80-477.30*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan.) pm $17.95bbl ($17.05)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Kleinwort Benson Lonsdale names chief

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Kleinwort Benson Lonsdale, the merchant banking and securities company, yesterday announced the appointment of a new executive chairman as part of a reorganization of the management structure which strengthens the role of the group's main board.

The KBL board is taking over most of the executive functions for the group, providing the main focus for policy decisions. Until now, most strategic decision-making has been in the hands of the board of Kleinwort Benson Ltd, the merchant banking subsidiary.

Mr Michael Hawkes is taking over temporary control of the strengthened main board as executive vice-chairman, but is stepping aside as chairman of KB Ltd and will retire next year.

He said: "The size and complexity of our operations have increased to the point where it is sensible to have a stronger group board."

Mr David Peake, the vice-chairman of KB Ltd, will take over as chairman of the merchant banking and securities operations. At the beginning of next year he will also become executive group chairman.

An intermediate managing committee will be set up to service the main board, handle the group's administration and co-ordinate the policies of the two main subsidiaries, KB Ltd and Kleinwort Grieveson Investment Management, the fund management arm.

The two subsidiaries will have their own executive committees.

STOCK MARKET

Pearson shares jump by 27p

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Pearson, the sprawling conglomerate which publishes the *Financial Times* and has other interests ranging from merchant banking to fine china and entertainment, stood out in a falling market yesterday as one big buyer decided to chase the shares sharply higher.

Hoare Govett, the broker, is believed to have picked up a line of 250,000 shares, paying 620p a piece. The Pearson share price responded with a rise of 27p to 627p as almost 700,000 shares changed hands, rekindling market hopes that a bid may be on the way.

In September, Mr Rupert Murdoch's The News Corporation, the Australian-based international publishing and television group which owns *The Times*, paid 920p each for more than 20 million shares, or 14.8 per cent, of Pearson. The cost of the total holding was estimated at about £282 million.

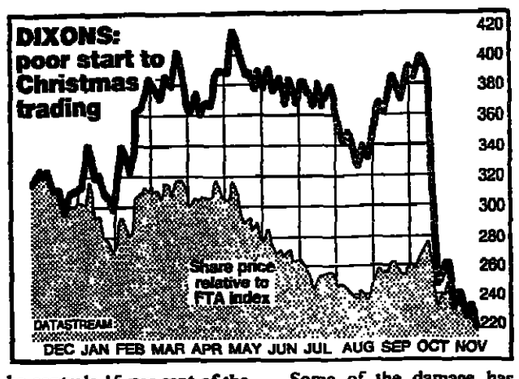
Pearson was an early casualty of the recent stock market crash which sent the price tumbling from a peak of £10.12½p. Dealers were clearly impressed with yesterday's performance, but emphasized that in the thin conditions it did not take much to get the share price moving.

Elsewhere in the equity market, investors were again sent scurrying for cover following another setback by the dollar and second thoughts about the US trade deficit. Prices of most blue chips were marked lower first thing, although selling pressure was described as minimal. Sentiment was also affected by some disappointing third-quarter figures from BAT Industries, which warned that it is likely to feel the effects of the recent slump on world markets. BAT finished 25p lower at 424p, after 377p.

This is the first indication from a public company concerning the knock-on effects of recent events and it succeeded in sending a shiver down the backs of most dealers and fund managers.

But the FT-SE 100 index managed to close above its worst level of the day, losing 25.0 points at 1,664.1, having been 29.2 lower earlier in the day. The narrower FT index of top 30 shares lost 18.6 points at 1,316.6.

Government securities spent a quiet session with losses stretching to £¼ at the longer end of the market.



● Keep an eye on Stormguard, the fashion group, unchanged at 10p despite talk among dealers that a stake-building operation is under way. One big buyer is reckoned to have picked a large parcel of shares. Tax losses and its potential as a "perfect shell" make it an obvious attraction.

News of further asset disposals by Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Group was greeted positively in London. This time it has sold half of its 10 per cent holding in Texaco, the US oil group, to TWA. That appears to be good news for those British companies where Bell Group already has a holding. Sears, where Bell owns an 8.2 per cent stake, firmed 4p to 132p, while Standard Chartered, in which he controls 15 per cent of the shares, advanced 8p to 268p. But Dewey Warren, the Lloyd's insurance broker, where Bell holds 42 per cent of the shares, ended the day 2p lower at 117p.

Dixons, the high street electrical goods retailer, wilted under selling pressure, falling by 18p to 216p as about 9 million shares changed hands.

Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, prompted the selling as Mr Philip Dorgan, a stores analyst, downgraded his full-year profit estimates for the group from £145 million to £135 million.

His adjustment followed indications that the group's important Christmas trading period has got off to a disappointing start. The volume of business in Britain during the past couple of weeks has been particularly poor and well below budget.

The Dixons' share price suffered more than most in the retail sector during the crash, falling from the 400p level to just above 210p, as the market expressed fears about its exposure to the dollar.

Some of the damage has been repaired by hopes that the trend towards cheaper money would give a boost to consumer spending during the Christmas period. Mr Dorgan's reassessment is now forcing fund managers to reconsider the situation.

● Evered Holdings, controlled by the Abdallah brothers, has been a firm market this week. On Tuesday Chase Manhattan Securities paid a visit and yesterday the Abdullahs were guests at a lunch hosted by Savory Milln, the broker. The price closed 5p higher at 189p.

Shares of British Gas fell to 125p at one stage after the Monopolies and Mergers Commission confirmed that it was to investigate the group's industrial gas-pricing policy.

They later recovered, to finish 3p cheaper on the day at 129p following reassuring remarks from Sir Denis Rooke, the chairman, who said: "I welcome the opportunity an inquiry will give to deal with comments about the company's contract pricing policy and the company will co-operate fully with the MMC."

Wood Mackenzie, the broker, believes that any short-term weakness resulting from worries over an MMC referral should be regarded as a buying opportunity as British Gas offers above-average earnings and dividend growth prospects.

The "B" shares of Reuters, the British-based news and financial information group, fell by 13p to 442p as 1.6 million shares were traded. This followed reports that its application for a listing on the Tokyo Stock Exchange is likely to be refused.

The Tokyo stock market has expressed concern about the group's two-tier voting system. The "A" shares held by founder-shareholders carry four votes each. The quoted "B," carrying only one vote, is the class Reuters' management want to have quoted on the Tokyo exchange, but the authorities there are opposed to privileged share classes and so are refusing permission for the listing.

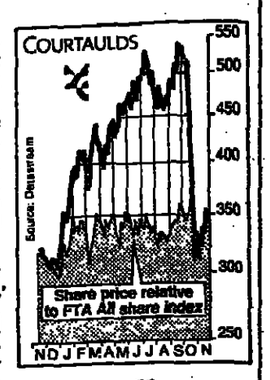
RTZ, on the other hand, cheapened by 2p to 335p. On Tuesday, RTZ sprang a surprise by making a hostile, £206 million takeover bid for MK Electric, the group best known for its plugs and sockets. MK closed a further 6p higher, making a two-day leap of 147p at 561p.

Glaxo, the pharmaceuticals group, fell by 44p to £10.52p, after £10.40, following the news that the French government is putting pressure on the company to reduce the price of Zantac, its best-selling, anti-ulcer drug, by 30 per cent.

TEMPUS

Courtaulds plays safe

Don't panic! Courtaulds may be muttering about supply and demand curves and the rising price of raw materials, evoking memories of the roller-coaster textile industry of the early eighties, but the group is in much finer fettle than it was then. If there is a recession, Courtaulds should more than hold its own.



As yet, however, there are no signs of a slump. Trading conditions are reasonable, although other divisions had to compensate for the shortfall in fibres' results. Last year Courtelle's profits were boosted by at least £15 million as acrylonitrile prices were low and demand high. Now more normal trading conditions prevail.

Pretax margins widenened from 7.5 per cent to 8.8 per cent reflecting a higher proportion of less volume-sensitive, value added products and improved efficiencies.

Direct exposure to the North American economy is limited to 5 per cent of operating profits. Courtaulds' interests are funded by dollar borrowings, limiting the exposure further.

However, a weak dollar encourages Far Eastern and US imports. Again reduced dependence on commodity products makes Courtaulds less vulnerable.

Had interim results been translated at last year-end rates, turnover would have been £29 million higher and operating profits £3 million up.

Year-end gearing will fall below 25 per cent. Over the last 12 months Courtaulds has shown it has not forgotten how to make acquisitions, but its confidence has been knocked by the stock market crash.

Thus instead of using its relatively strong balance sheet to pick up a few bargains, it is sitting tight until the dust settles.

The split between the halves has been distorted this year by the change in Courtelle's fortunes and the move to bring some subsidiaries' year-ends into line, boosting first-half profits by £2 million. Acquisitions added £1 million at the earnings level.

Recently acquired Fothergill & Harvey is included in the results. It lived up to Courtaulds' expectations, but fell short of the forecast made during the bid.

For the full year, Courtaulds should make £236 million, giving earnings per share of 42p. The shares, on a 7.8 p/e have sound defensive characteristics.

Greenall Whitley

Greenall Whitley is known well enough for its ownership of the Grand Hotel, Brighton, a 20 per cent stake in Manchester City Football Club, its beer in the Midlands and various other interests.

But its earnings record, whatever the difficult circumstances, is hardly that exciting. However, once the group's strategic plan to swing more towards the retailing end has run its course, a stronger rate of profits increase could be expected.

Meanwhile, with year-end pretax profits advertised at £39.19 million against £35.33 million — or stripping out property profits and the exceptional items, with profits up from £31.51 million to £35.73 million — there is little immediate excitement for the markets.

The Grand Hotel is now back in the swing and brought in a useful £1 million, but there remain problems with one of the US hotels which still clocks up losses, and beer activity at home is looking flat.

Leisure and catering interests have potential, but it could be a while yet before the investment image that profits are plodding will change.

A faster and wider geographical spread away from its Midlands base, with the more prosperous South in mind, would help. So too will the greater concentration on retailing, where growth prospects abound.

Some investment colour would be added to the shares if the protective voting structure was abandoned, and Greenall took its chances in the marketplace against unwelcom takeover bids by relying on its trading record.

Profits should undoubtedly rise this year, and at the trading level reach £42.5 million, so the shares at 182p on 8.9 times earnings are cheap. But then so are others in its sector.

Strong Warburg

SG Warburg stood up yesterday to be counted — and the effect was impressive. With an admirable 100 per cent increase in group pretax profits, the results for the six months to September 30 were better than expected.

It was no surprise — though a pity — that Warburg did not reveal the extent of its losses during the stock market crash following these results.

The market is putting more weight on the chairman's outlook for the rest of the year than on the figures themselves. Warburg's view of the future is encouraging despite the evident uncertainty in many of its markets.

It sees no significant falling-off in the demand for merchant banking advice from clients, with good implications for fee income. The cost to the group of BP underwriting, feared by many to be huge, is put at only £8 million.

Above all, the group insists that it is still ahead of its business plan for the year. The implication is that Warburg's securities trading loss in the crash came nowhere near Barclays de Zoete Wedd's.

The halcyon days of the summer produced huge profits which will have been seriously dented in the autumn crash. But that is the loss of cream rather than of bread-and-butter profits.

Warburg's optimism stems from the awareness that it is now about the most well-rounded financial conglomerate in the City.

It is different from BZW and most of the rest in having a strong corporate finance and merchant banking operation, a big and profitable fund management business as well as a strong market-making capability. Not only is there synergy between each part, but if one market flags, another is likely to be strong.

The stock market remained cautious, letting the shares drift down with the sector to 315p. Second-half profits are still hard to guess at, but they may top £120 million. The rest is up to the mood of the market.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 16	November 27	February 18	February 29

Call options were taken out on: 25/11/87 Mineral Oil, Burtons, Sound Diffusion, Gold Pet., J Crowther, Norfolk Capital, Tuskar, Rolls-Royce, Whim Creek, Ferranti, Aurora.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	726	Coats	1,780	Land Sec	1,696	Rowntree	126
Allid-Lyons	4,377	CU	2,211	Laporte	6	Royal Bank	353
Amstrad	1,659	Cons Gold	1,562	L&G	907	Royal Ins	347
ASDA	426	Cookson	31	Lloyds	2,641	Saatchi	502
AB Foods	65	Courtaulds	1,889	Lonrho	938	Sainsbury	1,413
Argyll	2,352	Dalgety	71	Lucas	173	Scot & N	731
BAA	4,534	Dee	5,004	Magnet	1,726	Sears	2,959
BET	3,073	Dixons	9,475	M&S	1,448	Sedgwick	2,865
BTR	847	ECC	358	Maxwell Cm	283	Shell	570
BAT	9,584	Enterprise	270	MEPC	554	Smith & N	519
Barclays	1,573	Ferranti	2,569	Metal Box	960	STC	2,184
Bass	1,394	Fisons	2,453	Midland	2,139	Stan Chart	71
Beecham	4,269	Gen Acc	116	NatWest	2,276	Storehse	1,669
Beazer	133	GEC	2,958	Next	917	Sun Alliance	158
BICC	606	Glaxo	5,956	Nth Food	809	T & N	204
Blue Arrow	1,519	Globe	2,535	P&O	464	Tarmac	1,194
Blue Circle	289	Granada	229	Pearl	2,128	Tate & Lyle	144
BOC	754	Grand Met	2,986	Pearson	743	TSB	1,363
Boots	1,028	GUS 'A'	124	Pilkington	2,882	Tesco	627
BPB	1,014	GRE	153	Plessey	2,681	Thorn Emi	1,534
Br Aero	394	GKN	782	Prudential	860	Trafalgar	482
Br Airways	665	Guinness	4,313	Racal	539	THF	809
Br Comm	218	Hamm 'A'	74	Rk Hovis	973	Ultramar	451
Br Gas	12,029	Hanson	3,796	Rank	76	Unigate	743
Br Petrol	4,490	Hawker	379	R&C	231	Unilever	1,471
Br Telecm	7,038	Hawley	693	Redland	368	United Bis	328
Bristol	1,096	Hillsdown	584	Reed	1,680	Utd News	5
Bunzl	440	IMI	229	Reuters	1,744	Wellcome	355
Burmah	328	ICI	1,191	RMC Gp	278	Whitbrd	571
Burton	5,874	Jaguar	758	RTZ	1,486	Willis Fab	175
C&W	5,922	Lasmo	36	R-Royce	3,245	Woolworth	3,068
Cadbury	2,743	Ladbroke	1,637	Rothmn 'B'	696	Equities page 29	



NINE MONTHS RESULTS

£1 = $1.63 at 30.9.87 ($1.48 at 31.12.86)

	9 months to September 1987	9 months to September 1986	Change
PRE-TAX PROFIT	£1.023m	£882m	+16%
EARNINGS PER SHARE	40.34p	35.02p	+15%

• Rate of growth has slowed from mid-year. • Continued strong performance from tobacco. • Growth from financial services moderated by exclusion of investment gains in third quarter. • Recent economic events could have significant impact on results. • "The Group has strong liquidity and is well-positioned to meet difficult times."

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MAI told to lower share in roadside hoardings market

By Colin Narbrough

MAI, the money-broking and media group, was yesterday told to reduce its share of the roadside hoardings market within one year, as its merger last January with its biggest poster rival, London and Continental Advertising Holdings, is against the public interest in its present form.

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announcing the findings of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report he requested last July, said he had asked the Office of Fair Trading to obtain the appropriate undertakings from MAI on implementing the MMC recommendations.

The unusual referral, which reversed the OFT's original clearance, came in response to advice from Sir Gordon Borrie, the OFT director-general, after MAI failed to make disposals in the way it had promised.

The case demonstrated that Lord Young, while keen to speed up the whole referral procedure, has no inhibitions about reversing clearances, if predators fail to keep promises given to avoid referral.

When giving the go-ahead to British Airways' controversial bid for British Caledonian earlier this month, he gave a public warning that he would put the merger through a second full MMC probe if undertakings the airline had given to the Commission were not fully implemented.

In the MAI case, the MMC looked into the companies' share of the British roadside poster market. The takeover boosted MAI's share to 27 per cent from 21 per cent in revenue terms.

The MMC concluded unanimously that MAI should divest itself of 2,000 of its 13,000 poster panels, in addition to the 1,000 or so it had already moved to dispose of, to comply with plans it provided to the OFT prior to its bid.

The investigators focused on the "48-sheet" poster panel sector of the hoardings market, which accounts for two thirds of the £100 million total net annual revenue from posters in Britain.

The MMC said the dominant position MAI now holds in the 48-sheet sector would allow it to increase its prices to a greater extent than it would be able to in a more competitive situation, reduce freedom of choice for advertisers, and inhibit the emergence of competitors to MAI.

It recommended that MAI reduce to 25 per cent its share in the total number of 48-sheet panels in television regions where its share was below 25 per cent prior to the takeover. Elsewhere it should restore its share to pre-acquisition levels.

Bell sells half its stake in Texaco

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Resources has sold 5 per cent of Texaco – about half its holding in the troubled US oil company.

The buyer of the 12 million shares was TWA, which paid US$29 (£16) a share for a total of US$348 million, about Aus$500 million (£193 million) at current exchange rates but still more than Aus$100 million below cost.

The Bell camp has realized about Aus$1 billion by disposing of assets since last month's stock market crash.

Bell Group raised more than Aus$200 million by selling Perth Properties, and Bell Resources about Aus$300 million by selling 2.5 per cent of the capital of BHP. The buyer in both cases was the State Government Insurance Commission of Western Australia.

Analysts here point out that the sale confirms the market's perception that the Bell company, post-crash, needs cash. The market also notes that the company was able to obtain large sums while retaining substantial holdings in important investments.

Bell bought 23.6 million shares in Texaco at an average cost of $37 a share, shortly after the US oil giant filed for bankruptcy as a tactic in its legal battle with Pennzoil, and at one stage was ahead by about Aus$300 million.

Texaco shares plummeted after a record US$11.1 billion damages judgment against the company.

Kwik Save 'truce' with Dairy Farm

By Cliff Feltham

Kwik Save Group, the countrywide chain of 517 discount stores, has arranged a truce with Hong Kong-based Dairy Farm which owns a 25 per cent stake.

A so-called "standstill agreement" has been reached, barring Dairy Farm from bidding until after April 1, 1989 – or one month after its two new directors step down from the board.

The pact lapses if someone else decides to bid for Kwik Save. The deal also prevents Dairy Farm from selling its shares other than through "widely distributed market sales".

Yesterday, Mr Ian Howe, the Kwik Save chairman, admitted he had been a worried man when Dairy Farm suddenly launched a successful tender offer to add to the 3.4 per cent block of shares it had picked up in the market.

"We had to assume they were buying their stake as a precursor to a bid but, having had a chance to look over their own operations and talk to them, we feel much happier.

"The new agreement provides us with a buffer zone," Mr Howe said.

Kwik Save yesterday reported pretax profits up for the 17th year since going public at £46.6 million, an increase of 10.4 per cent.

The board is recommending a final dividend of 4.7p, making 6.8p for the year, an increase of 13 per cent over last time.

Half-year rise to £25m at Magnet

By Alexandra Jackson

A review of business strategy at Magnet, the Yorkshire-based kitchen manufacturer and timber merchant, caused a disruption in the store-opening programme in the first half of the year.

Revised planning requirements were needed as the decision was taken to focus on larger showrooms. Expansion in the six months was modest with nine showrooms opened, 10 closed and eight refurbished, bringing the total to 188.

Mr Gordon Brown, group financial director, said Magnet is on target to develop 70 sites in the second half.

Pretax profits rose from £20.7 million to £25 million in the six months to end-September. However, the likely growth for the 12 months to end-March remains well below the rate anticipated by analysts earlier in the year.

Magnet is now expected to report pretax profits of £53 million, up from £44.2 million in 1986-87. Earlier forecasts looked for profits of at least £70 million.

The results will be struck after redundancy charges of under £2 million.

Turnover rose from £153.8 million to £187.4 million. An interim dividend of 2.5p was declared.



Blue day for the SE's information officers

As the weather became more wintry yesterday, the Stock Exchange marked the occasion with one of its lesser-known traditions: the annual unveiling of its information officers' winter uniforms.

Two of the officers – Julie Alexander, aged 24, (above left) and Debbie Schartau, aged 18 – showed how they'll be dressed to receive visitors to the exchange's refurbished gallery: navy blue suits, co-ordinating silk blouses and navy shoes. The new outfits are designed by Jaeger.

Profit leap at Hogg Robinson

By Lawrence Lever

Hogg Robinson, the travel, transport and property services company, yesterday announced its first set of results since it escaped the clutches of TSB Group and hived off its insurance interests.

Profits before tax for the six months to September 30 rose 34 per cent to £8.07 million compared with last year's £6.02 million. This was achieved on turnover that increased to £44.1 million.

The company's shares fell back about 9p yesterday to 199p, valuing the company at about £138 million.

Earnings per share of Hogg increased by 20 per cent to 10.29p and the company is paying an interim dividend of 1.8p a share.

The company is predicting "a satisfactory outcome" for its first full year of independence.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Monopolies message to Lord King

If competition policy is to be taken seriously, Lord Young and his team need to demonstrate that the Office of Fair Trading and the Monopolies Commission are not the pussy-cat and the dinosaur.

It was wholly inappropriate for Sheffield Forgemasters to pursue its private dispute with British Gas, over prices to industrial users, through the latter's annual shareholder's meeting, where they tried to put Sir Ian MacGregor on to the board. As suggested here at the time, the Office of Fair Trading was the right venue for action. Sir Gordon Borrie has responded by referring the matter directly to the commission. There is enough anecdotal evidence of Big Brother attitudes – on prices, contracts and negotiation – to warrant a thorough look.

The reference also reminds privatized, monopoly utilities that an Act of Parliament giving a light, regulatory regime is not the end of the matter. Sir Denis, BT's Ian Vallance and their present and future peers cannot do what they like beyond the confines of the specific industry regulator.

Nine months of management time waylaid by the dictates of a Monopolies Commmission inquiry might convince others that freedom from routine supervision is not necessarily a prize to be sought.

The Monopolies Commission report about MAI makes an even sharper point: to takeover bidders in general and Lord King of British Airways in particular. Undertakings to competition regulators are not to be taken lightly.

One of the weaknesses of merger policy is that the Tebbit doctrine made questions of competition predominant, but the attitudes to competition of ministers, OFT and even the Monopolies Commission have become most ambiguous.

The OFT, for its part, has acquiesced in the development of plea-bargaining for mergers, whereby buyers fix deals to soften monopoly effects in exchange for the OFT not referring a takeover to the Monopolies Commission. Lord Young's moves to speed up commission inquiries will obviate some of the need for this, but the practice is unlikely to end and is clearly open to abuse.

The timing of this may be coincidental, but the message to Lord King is clear. If the bid for British Caledonian finally goes through then British Airways would do well to honour its private undertakings to the commission fully and whole-heartedly.

C&W's sure signal

The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune have made the price of Cable and Wireless shares suffer. The perceived strength of an international, dollar-based group is automatically transformed when weak dollars are translated into high-riding sterling.

If stock markets are also falling around you, there is not much the company can do – except to continue to manage and develop its business in a professional and far-sighted way, sure in the knowlege that currency and stock markets do not move in one direction for ever. Thus the company demonstrated both confidence and satisfaction yesterday when presenting its interim report for the six months to September 30. The message is that the underlying business is sound and growing.

Not suprisingly in the current climate, the stock market needs a deal of persuading – the shares were down 9p at 291p. Investors' eyes are now glued to earnings-per-share performance; they are aware that earlier year-end estimates have been trimmed back and they know that the worst impact of recent currency movements has yet to be felt. A 10 per cent change in the dollar impacts earnings by 8 per cent, and currency movements in the first half, when the dollar depreciated from $1.51 to $1.63, cost £14 million at the trading level.

Regional trading profits rose by 16 per cent to £143 million despite adverse currency movements – a good achievement inevitably diluted before the pretax line. Following a reduction in net interest as a result of the continuing heavy capital expenditure programme, pretax profits rose 3 per cent to £165 million.

In the circumstances, to have fallen short of best expectations by about £10 million is no mean result. A falling tax charge will work in C&W's favour, and further development of the international network in the Asia region, within Britain and elsewhere will eventually bring home the goods.

This is a testing time for a premium-rated stock. In a company the calibre of C&W, this is especially so when the crucial Hong Kong operations are plagued by currency weakness. Pretax profits in this financial year look like being between £345 million and £360 million, after last year's £340.5 million.

But C&W has drive, vision and determination at the top, a good investment record and an exciting future in an outstanding area of business. Faint hearts, please note.

Last minute tunnel

There is still just time to invest in Eurotunnel. Signs are that the City stags are not interested but small investors and inveterate travellers are. Maximum perks are available on 1,500 shares, which offer unlimited, almost-free travel on the shuttle. Investors travelling both ways five times a year for the whole of the concession period would have the investment for nothing if the value of all those future fares is discounted to the present at 12 per cent.

Eurotunnel is a potentially outstanding investment for those who want capital gains in the next six years, high income later and can afford to take the not inconsiderable risk of things going wrong. Eurotunnel is not a sensible repository for life savings. Nor is it wise to assume the shares will trade immediately at a big premium. The issue could still be a flop, though that is unlikely. For the patient the potential rewards look greater than the risk.

BOC seeks full ownership of CIG

From Our Correspondent Sydney

BOC Group, the industrial gas manufacturer, capitalizing on the stock market crash, is bidding for the minority shares of its Australian subsidiary, Commonwealth Industrial Gases, with an offer that values the company at Aus$537 million (£207 million).

CIG makes and distributes industrial gases, welding equipment and health and scientific products.

BOC said yesterday it would offer Aus$220 million for the 52 million CIG shares, being 41 per cent of the company it did not own. The unconditional offer was Aus$4.20 cash for each CIG share.

CIG closed here yesterday at Aus$3.45. The 1987 high was Aus$5.04. On October 19 it was Aus$4.80.

BOC said it did not expect the Foreign Investment Review Board to reject the bid.

Mr Gordon Scott, the CIG chairman and managing director, yesterday declined to be drawn on the offer.

"We are talking to our financial advisers (Macquarie Bank) and cannot be specific about when a recommendation will be made," he said.

Mr Nigel Rowe, the BOC chief executive (corporate communications), confident the bid would succeed, said yesterday that CIG would eventually be de-listed.

"It's always easier to communicate, deal with and invest in, a wholly-owned subsidiary," he said.

CIG would then become the key point for "BOC's substantial Pacific interests".

These accounted for one third of BOC's Aus$6.2 billion revenue in the year ended September 30. CIG itself earned Aus$38 million on a turnover of Aus$584 million in that period.

BOC said the offer represented a premium of 22 per cent over Tuesday's closing share price of Aus$3.45 and 1.8 times the last published net tangible asset share-backing.

Hewetson to pay £4.8m for Bennett

Hewetson has agreed to acquire TL Bennett (Holdings) and its subsidiary, TL Bennett (Windows), for £4.83 million in cash, ordinary and preference shares.

Hewetson's turnover rose from £5.45 million to £6.82 million in the six months to September 30. Pretax profit reached £348,000 (£236,000). The board reports that the current order book is high and prospects for the full year are good. An interim dividend of 1p is being paid.

Evered sells

Evered Holdings announces further rationalization of the peripheral businesses acquired with the takeover of the London & Northern Group earlier this year, with the sale of Electro Diesel North East, Inkerman Colliery, Burnwell Coal, and Alfred Golightly & Sons. Inkerman, Burnwell and Golightly, which are incurring losses, have been sold to Fuel Washeries for about £110,000 in cash. Bank borrowings of about £550,000 have been taken over by the purchaser. Electro Diesel has been sold to a management buyout consortium for £150,000 in cash.

Quadrant buy

Quadrant Group has completed the acquisition of Foxall and Chapman and Southern Cell Phones for an initial consideration of about £494,000 in cash and a deferred consideration of up to £40,000.

Sterling purchase

Sterling Publishing has completed the purchase of *Home Finder* magazine from Parkway Publications for an initial payment of £150,000 in cash. There will be a further four annual capital payments starting next November. The additional annual consideration will be 10 per cent of sales revenue, up to a maximum of £50,000 in each of the four years.

Fletcher quarter

Fletcher Challenge reports a turnover of NZ$1,825.6 million (£638 million) for the three months to September 30, against NZ$5,822.4 million for the preceding 12 months. Pretax earnings were NZ$353.6 million (NZ$508.5 million). The board reports that the group has issued quarterly results because the circular which will be issued in relation to the Crown Forest Industries amalgamation in Canada requires the inclusion of updated results. It is not intended to move to quarterly reporting on a regular basis.

Carlton Ware sold

Arthur Wood & Sons (Longport) has agreed terms for the disposal of Carlton Ware to County Potteries for £250,000 in cash and ordinary shares. Before the transaction, Carlton Ware declared a special dividend of £130,000, payable to Wood. County will also repay, over two years, loans from Wood to Carlton of £100,000. Carlton makes ceramic ornamental domestic pottery.

Camotech slips

Camotech is paying a final dividend of 1.37p, making 2.05p, for the year ended August 31. Turnover rose to £6.53 million (£5.8 million), while pretax profit slipped to £292,970 (£379,403). Earnings per share were 3.59p (10.43p). The directors regard the year "as one of short-term profit sacrifice in pursuit of medium-term objectives to obtain enhanced profits and earnings per share". The directors look forward to the coming year with confidence and expect significant progress throughout the group.

Higher Property

Property Partnerships is paying an interim dividend of 1.75p (1.5p) for the half-year to September 30. Gross rental income from investment properties rose to £590,000 (£533,000) and sales of hotel goods and services at invoiced value to £1.98 million (£1.82 million). Pretax profit was up to £846,000 (£715,000). Earnings per share rose to 5.16p (4.35p restated).

Van Diemen's up

The Van Diemen's Land Company reports a net turnover of Aus$1.57 million (£600,000), for the year to June 30, against Aus$991,308. Pretax profit more than doubled to Aus$186,262 (Aus$71,963). Earnings per share were 6.50 cents (2.88 cents).

Shearson Lehman

The announcement of 800 staff cuts a week before the fall in the stock market was made by Salomon Brothers, not Shearson Lehman as reported yesterday.

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- The unaudited results for the first 5 months of the current year indicate a further improvement in both profit before tax and earnings per stock unit

Comparative figures to 31st March	1987 £m	1986 £m
Turnover (excluding VAT)	2,366.1	2,290.9
Profit before taxation	345.0	297.7
Taxation	114.1	108.2
Retained profit	171.6	137.4
Net current assets	1,359.1	1,284.6
Ordinary Stockholders' funds	1,844.2	1,618.3

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The game's up for a headhunter

Bored with your job? Want a taste of something different? Why not give headhunting a try? This is how the business works. A London-based stockbroker which is expanding its overseas offices hires headhunter Cripps, Sears & Partners to search for staff for its Tokyo branch. Cripps director Vincent Thomas participates in the initial negotiations and an agreement is reached. A short while later a salesman at the broking firm receives a telephone call from a woman representing a "major investment bank". She is, she says, organizing a conference for Japanese equity salesmen and seeks the names of people to whom invitations should be sent. But her coyness about revealing the bank's name arouses the suspicions of the stockbroker's wily staff. They submit the name of the office junior to the mystery lady under the title, "Head of Japanese Equity Sales". Here comes the tricky part of the job . . . A week later, the office junior is called by no less a man than Vincent Thomas himself, keen to lure her to a highly paid job elsewhere selling equities. The broker bristles at such caddish behaviour from a firm supposed to be helping it to find staff, not stealing them away. When challenged, Thomas denies all knowledge of the incident. Then Cripps's chairman, Michael Cripps, arrives with doleful eyes at the broker's offices. The story ends with the aggrieved broker hunting down another headhunter.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

A little pizza Glasgow

Do not be surprised if Bob Payton today celebrates Thanksgiving and the tenth anniversary of his first Chicago Pizza Pie Factory in London, by announcing plans for two additions to his booming 11-strong restaurant chain. The outspoken American, whose collected compliments about the British and their eating habits would make brisk reading, rules an empire which turns over £11.5 million a year. Now he wants to woo diners in Glasgow and open a second restaurant in Paris. Payton, whose family motto is "Never underestimate the British to pick up on a good idea", is also busy preparing Leicestershire stately home Stapleford Park to open as a luxury hotel by May. The talk is Payton will go public before the decade is out.

Brussels clout

If you were in Brussels last night and chanced to hear the wail of bagpipes, fear not. It was probably only Anthony Orr, Scots partner in charge of City solicitors Simmons & Simmons' Brussels office.



"Lot of it about – sitting on hands with fingers crossed"

Simmons & Simmons may be jolly good lawyers, but they proved to be poor judges of General de Gaulle's character when in 1962 they became the first City law firm to open in Brussels. The move was in anticipation of Britain's imminent entry into the European Community. Of course de Gaulle sniffed Gallicly at the idea, leaving the pioneers at S&S with the tricky job of keeping themselves amused in Brussels for 10 years before business really picked up. Last night they threw a party in a moated castle on the outskirts of Brussels to celebrate their 25 years in Brussels. Orr, who has taken to wearing a free-flowing kilt since a bad skiing accident in March forced him to strap a cumbersome steel girder around his leg, is mad keen on the bagpipes and is the toast of the Euro-Scottish community's Burns Night. No doubt he piped in the moules and chips yesterday evening.

Outsider insider

Some people are honoured in bronze, some live on in history books, and some end their days as the answer to a question in *Trivial Pursuit*. Who was the first insider trader nabbed on criminal charges in the US? Dennis Levine? Ivan Boesky? It was Vincent Chiarella, a financial printer who made $29,000 by trading on information picked up from takeover documents running through his firm's presses. The wheel has turned full circle and Chiarella is now back, a poor and bitter man, at his original job at Pandick Press in New York. He had the bad luck to be the first person caught by the Securities and Exchange Commission when the US began clamping down on insider trading in 1978. His conviction was reversed by the courts in 1980, but that has not made it any easier for him to keep down jobs, which have tended to last as long as his employer's ignorance about his past. Moreover, any City men who think that a sexy glamour clings to those tied up in stock market scandals, should think again. Chiarella says women lose interest as soon as they learn of his past.

● I hear that staff in Merrill Lynch's offices around the world were sent a congratulatory message from New York HQ yesterday, awarding them an extra day's holiday as a reward for their stirring performance during the stock market crash. But the ungrateful troops fear the generous gesture means that chances of a bonus are as good as dead.

Joe Joseph

BUSINESS SUMMARY

Chancery Securities leaps 55% at half time

Chancery Securities, the USM-quoted financial services group, yesterday announced a 55 per cent increase in half-year pretax profits, from £1.04 million to £1.62 million. The interim dividend rises from 1.1p to 1.8p. Earnings per share to September 30 were 6.4p, against 4.3p.

The stock market crash hit commission income at Branston & Gothard, the stockbroker acquired in August, but the broker had a strong first half and Chancery expects it to make "a useful contribution". The purchase price included a heavy element of performance-related consideration. Stockbroking aside, Chancery says that it sees no reason why the market downturn should affect the company's profitability.

Hughes Food buys trawler

Hughes Food, the fish processing and cold storage group, has bought a trawler. It plans to build up its own fishing fleet and aims to create fully-integrated fish processing activities. Profits nearly doubled to £2.013 million at the half-year stage, helped by higher fish division returns. The board is looking for a successful outcome over the full year.

US incomes rise 1.7%

US personal income rose 1.7 per cent, or $63.3 billion (£35.73 billion), in October to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $3,840.5 billion, the Commerce Department said. The increase was the largest since a 2.5 per cent rise in June 1975, and matched a 1.7 per cent increase in July 1981. It followed a revised 0.6 per cent gain in September.

Sound Diffusion call

The institutions behind the move to oust Mr Paul Stonor as chairman of Sound Diffusion, the electrical equipment leasing group, have told the company that it should cease negotiations with third parties who have expressed interest in taking it over.

Together with their supporters, the three institutions – Throgmorton Trust, Allied Dunbar and Fidelity – speak for about 34 per cent of Sound Diffusion's shares. They should, therefore, be able to vote down any proposed takeover offer for the company. They have already proposed resolutions to remove Mr Stonor as chairman. He has, however, pre-empted them by announcing his intention to retire before the resolutions are voted upon.

Profit up 26% at Electrolux

Electrolux, the Swedish appliance maker, said its pretax profit jumped 26 per cent in the third quarter to Kr604 million (£55.3 million) from Kr478 million a year earlier. Sales rose 22 per cent to Kr16.33 billion, helped chiefly by the acquisitions of White Consolidated Industries of the US and Industrie Zanussi of Italy.

New rules for Abbey

Abbey National Building Society held a special general meeting in London yesterday, at which its members approved the society's new rule book. Changes to the rules include voting requirements, the election of directors and membership. Under the new rules, borrowers are automatically members. Before, only investors could become members.

EEC market curbs cost £85bn a year

By Colin Narbrough

The failure of member governments to create a truly Common Market is costing the 12-nation European Economic Community some £85 billion each year – three times the EEC budget – and preventing Europe from playing a fuller role in the world economy.

These are among the key conclusions contained in a report by European Parliament's Committee of Institutional Affairs dealing with the cost of continued fragmentation on taxpayers, consumers and the region's economy.

Sir Fred Catherwood, the British MEP and committee spokesman, said in London yesterday the cost calculations showed how vital it was for the EEC summit in Copenhagen next week to make a start on the decisions needed to achieve a truly community-wide market.

The figures suggest that failure to remove internal barriers to trade and services between member states, scheduled to happen by 1992, is incurring the biggest cost – about £35 billion annually.

The next biggest item, failure to complete the European Monetary System, accounts for £20 billion, while the crisis-dogged Common Agricultural Policy is costing only some £10 billion, the same amount as the failure to align macroeconomic policies. The lack of an open market in public procurement costs an annual £7 billion.

Sir Fred said the report, *The Institutional Consequences of Non-Europe*, was a strong signal to EEC leaders that they should agree at Copenhagen to put the relatively minor budgetary and CAP issues behind them and address the main economic problems: opening up the market, strengthening the weaker economies and completing the European Monetary System.

"It is a reminder that, with double the United States' reserves and a far greater share of world trade, the Community can and should take its proper place in world economic leadership."

Given the uncertainty over US deficits and the dollar, he said it was risky to continue to rely on America. "The world economy is less likely to crash if it flies on two engines."

Sir Fred underlined that the goal of a single EEC market by 1992, to which the British government has given strong support in recent months, would also depend on maintaining a viable world economy.

Completion of the EMS, the European currency grid, and the use of the European Currency Unit as a European equivalent of the dollar, was also important to the establishment of a unified market and a more vigorous Europe.

Mrs Thatcher's reluctance to take sterling fully into the EMS was only part of the problem, and West German caution was another inhibiting factor, he said.

APPOINTMENTS

Tate & Lyle names director

Tate & Lyle: **Mr David Tate** becomes director, corporate affairs and a member of the board's executive committee. He also takes responsibility for group personnel.

Cape Boards: **Mr CA Hutchison** is now managing director.

Crompton Vidor: **Mr David Rogan** becomes finance director.

Polaroid (UK): **Mr Rod Bishop** has been appointed UK general manager, marketing. **Mr Jason Hubbard** is promoted to area director, European marketing operations.

Contel Business Systems (UK): **Mr Tony Cooke** has been appointed managing director.



Jason Hubbard: made area director at Polaroid (UK)

Wimpey Homes Holdings: **Mr Chris Cant** joins the board as sales and marketing director.

AMI: **Mr Jim Barker** has been appointed managing director, international division.

Stoneham Langton & Passmore: **Mr Russell Bell** becomes managing partner.

Continental Packaging International: **Mr Max Geldens** has been appointed president.

DBA Associates: **Mr Ted Harris** joins the board and becomes chairman.

National Tyre Distributors' Association: **Mr Malcolm Shields** has been elected vice-president.

Great Portland Estates: **Mr David Witty** has joined the board as a non-executive director.

Burgess Group: **Mr Mark Ellsmore** has been appointed financial director.

WORLD MARKETS ROUND-UP

Thin trade in Tokyo sees prices rallying

(Reuter) – Shares rallied broadly yesterday in thin trading after interest rate cuts by three European countries and Tuesday's rises in share prices on Wall Street and in London, brokers said.

"What Japan wants to see is Wall Street getting back on its feet," one broker said.

The 225-share index rose 363.67 points, or 1.59 per cent, to 23,219.69, extending Tuesday's 150.46-point gain. Gainers led losers by nearly seven to two in volume of 600 million shares, against 350 million on Tuesday.

Communications, banks, brokerages, insurance, real estate, railway, retail and some manufacturing shares led the advance.

Speculation of a cut in Japan's interest rates spurred buying of financials, brokers said. The only sectors to decline were warehouse and credit-lease issues.

The first section index gained 31.89 points to 1,898.00, after rising 10.38 on Tuesday. The second section index climbed 23.21 points to 2,381.87.

Nippon Telegraph and Telephone reported a Y100.78 billion (£419 million) profit for the six months ended September 30, up from Y89.79 billion a year earlier. Its share price was unchanged at Y2.64 million.

Frankfurt closes lower

(Reuter) – Share prices ended lower on a quiet undermined by the dollar's renewed fall and generally bearish sentiment, dealers said.

The Commerzbank index of 60 leading shares, calculated during mid-session and not reflecting late selling, declined 2.8 points, or 0.2 per cent, to 1,373.6. The Boersen-Zeitung 30-share index, calculated every 30 minutes, closed 3.54 points, or 1.2 per cent, down at 286.95.

Share prices had opened barely changed but fell during the second half on foreign selling. Remarks by Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the finance minister, that the government will soon decide on measures to strengthen the economy weighed on sentiment. "If a conservative government decides on such measures, the economy must be in a bad state," one dealer said.

The Bundesbank injected DM7.8 billion (£2.6 billion) into the money market, adding about DM100 million more than is leaving the system, as an earlier securities repurchase pact matures.

Wall Street prices drift in early deals

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street shares drifted in a narrow range around Tuesday's closing levels in slow pre-holiday trading early yesterday, brokers said.

The market showed little reaction to the second West German short-term interest rate cut in two days and its decision to strengthen its economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 7.46 points to 1970.99 at one stage when the transport indicator was up only 0.72 to 741.43 and the utilities average up 0.17 to 182.37.

Advancing issues led declining shares by a thin margin.

Holly Sugar slipped 1 to 70. The company and a unit of Plum Associates are discussing a possible renegotiation of terms of Plum's acquisition of Holly.

● (AP-Dow Jones) – Personal income in the US in October increased a seasonally adjusted 1.7 per cent from the previous month, the Commerce Department said in Washington.

Personal income rose to an adjusted $3,841 billion (£2,170 billion) annual rate after rising a revised 0.6 per cent in the previous month to an adjusted 3,777 billion pace.

	Nov 24	Nov 23
AMR Cp	32¾	31½
ASA	49¼	47
Aetna Life	48¼	47¾
Allied Signal	31	30¾
Alls Chlm	1¼	1¼
Alcoa	46¾	45¾
Amax Inc	19¾	17¾
AMR Hess	24½	23¾
Am Brands	42¾	42
Am Cyanmd	38¼	37½
Am Ele Pwr	26	25¾
Amexs	24½	23¾
Am Home	71¼	71
Am Int Grp	64	64¼
Am Stand	35	35¼
Am Telph	28½	28¾
Amoco Cp	68	67¼
Armco Steel	10	9¾
Asarco Inc	28¾	25
Ashland Oil	53¾	52¾
Atl Richfld	72¾	71¾
Avon Prod	23¾	23¾
Bk Boston	22¾	22¾
Bank NY	28	27½
Bankamer	8¼	8¼
Banc Tst NY	30¾	29¾
Baxter	23¾	23¼
Beth Steel	14¾	13¼
Boeing	35¾	36¼
Boise Casc	64¼	61¾
Borden	46¾	45¾
Bristl Meyr	41	40
BP	54¾	54
Brunswick	14¾	14¼
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a
Burl Nth	57¾	55½
CBS	164½	163¼
CMS Engy	13¾	13¾
CPC Int	39¾	38¾
CSX Cp	26¾	26¼
Cmpbell Sp	57¾	57½
Can Pacific	15	14¾
Caterpillar	60	58¾
Centrl SW	30¾	30¾
Champion	32¾	30¾
Chase Man	25¼	25
Chem NY	27¾	27½
Chevron	39¾	39¾
Chrysler	22½	22½
Citicorp	18¾	18½
Clark Eq	25¼	24
Coca Cola	39	39
Colgate	39½	39¼
Columb Gas	39½	39
Cmb'tn Eng	26¾	26¾
Cmwlth Edi	29	29
Cons Edis	43¾	43¾
Consol Ng	37¾	38¼
Cont Data	23¼	22¼
Corning Gl	49¼	47¾
Crane	21½	20¾
Curtiss Wrt	46½	45½
Data Genl	21¾	21¼
Deere Co	33¾	30¼
Delta Airl	36	34½
Detroit Edi	14¾	14
Digital Eq	128¾	124¾
Disney	55½	53¼
Dow Chem	82½	80
Dressr Ind	22¾	22¾
Dupont	85¾	83¼
Duke Pwr	44½	44¾
East Kodak	48	48
Eaton Cp	74	70¾
Emerson El	31½	30½
Emery Air	4¾	4¾
Exxon	40½	39¾
Farah Inc	7¾	7¾
Fedders	6	5¾
Firestone	33¼	33¾
Fst Chicago	20¾	21¼
Fst Int Bncp	41¾	41
Fst Penn C	8½	8½
FT Wachvia	33	33
Ford Motor	76¼	75¾
GAF Cp	44	44¼
GTE Cp	37½	36¾
Gen Cp	69¼	68¾
Gn Dynam	46¾	46¼
Gen Electric	45¾	45¾
Gen Inst	26¾	24¾
Gen Mills	45¾	44¼
Gen Motors	59¾	60¾
Gen Pub Ut	24¾	24¼
Genesco	3¾	3¼
Georgia Pac	33½	32¼
Gillette	30¾	29¾
Goodrich	34¼	32
Goodyear	51¾	49¼
Gould Inc	11½	11¾
Grace Co	44¼	43¾
Grt Atl Pac	24¾	25¼
Greyhnd	25¼	25¼
Grumman	23	22¾
Gulf & West	69½	68¼
Heinz	39¼	38¼
Hercules	45¾	45
Hewlett Pk	52	51¾
Honeywell	57¾	56
IC Ind	30	29¾
ITT Cp	47¼	47¼
INCO	17¾	16¼
Ing Rand Wi	32¾	30
Inland Steel	25¼	23¾
IBM	116¾	117¾
Int Paper	40	38
Irving Bk	50½	50
Jhsn & Jhsn	79¾	78¾
K Mart	28¼	27¼
Kaisertech	10¾	10
Kerr McGee	35	33
Kimbrly Clrk	53¼	53¼
Kraft	51¼	50¾
Kroger	25¾	25¾
LTV Cp	2¼	2¾
Litton	75¾	75¾
Lockheed	35½	35¾
Lucky Str	24¾	24¾
Man H'river	27¾	27¾
Manville	3	2¾
Mapco	43½	42¼
Marine Mid	82½	82¼
Mt Marrietta	38¾	38¼
Masco	22¾	22¾
Mcdonalds	46¼	45¾
McDonnell	59½	58¾
Mead Cp	29¼	29
Merck	178½	173¾
Minsta Mng	64¼	63½
Mobil	37	37¼
Monsanto	74	72
Morgan Jp	34½	34¾
Motorola	44¾	43½
NCR	64¾	62¾
NL Indstrs	5¾	5¾
Nat Distil	60½	58¾
Nat Md Ent	18¾	18¾
Nat Semi	12¾	12¼
Norfolk Sth	24¾	23¾
NW Bancrp	37¾	37
Occid Petl	25¾	25¼
Ogden Cp	26¼	25¾
Olin Cp	38¼	37½
PPG Ind	35½	35¼
Pac Gas El	18¾	18¾
Pan Am	3¾	3¾
Penney JC	46¾	46¾
Pennzoil	69¾	69¾
Pepsico	33½	32¾
Pfizer	50	51¼
Phelps Dod	44¾	39¾
Philip Mor	93¾	91
Phillip Ptrl	10¾	10½
Polaroid	22	21¾
Primerica	27	26¾
Proct Gble	67¾	66½
Pub S E G	24½	24½
Raytheon	65¾	65¾
Rymids Med	48¾	44¼
Rockwell Int	18¾	17¾
Royal Dutch	108¾	106½
SFE Sopac	51¾	51¾
Sara Lee	34¾	34¾
Schlumb	32¾	32
Scott Pap	63¾	63¾
Seagram	55	54¾
Sears Roeb	34¾	35
Shell Trans	72	70¾
Singer	52¾	53¾
Smith Beck	47	46
Sony Cp	36¾	36
Stn Cal Edi	31¾	31¾
SW Bell	36¾	35¾
Squibb	63¾	62¾
Stanl Drug	49¾	48¾
Stevens Jp	27¾	27¾
Sun Comp	50¾	50¾
TRW Inc	43¾	43¾
Teledyne	280¾	280¾
Tenneco	42¾	41¾
Texaco	28¾	28¾
Tex Eastn	24	22¾
Texas Inst	44¾	42¾
Tex Util	29¾	29¾
Textron	22¾	22¾
Travelers	35¾	34¾
USG	30¾	30¾
USX Cp	28¾	27¾
Unilever Plc	34	32¾
Un Carbide	21¾	20¾
Un Pac Cp	54¾	52¾
Unisys Cp	31¾	30¾
Utd Brands	41¾	41¾
Utd Tech	34¾	31¾
Unocal	27¾	27¾
Walter Jim	59¾	59¾
Warn Lamb	68¾	68¾
Wells Fgo	41¾	40¾
Westg El	47¾	46¾
Weyerhsr	39	37¾
Whirlpool	26¾	25¾
Woolworth	34¾	33¾
Xerox Cp	56¾	56
Zenith	14¾	14¼

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	23¾	23¾
Alcan Alum	33¾	32¾
Algoma Stl	14¾	14¾
Can Pacific	19¾	19
Cominco	12¾	12¾
Con Bathurst	16¾	16¾
Hawk S Can	20	20
Hud Bay M	18¾	18¾
Imasco	25	25
Imperial Oil	54	51¾
Int Pipe	41¾	40¾
Royl Trstco	13¾	13¾
Seagram	72	71¾
Shelco 'A'	17¾	17¾
Thmsn N 'A'	26¼	25¾
Varity Cp	3	3
WCT	15½	15¾
Weston	31½	31¾

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Alba	90
Banner Homes (105p)	73
Brit Pet P/P	81
Butte Mining (100p)	100 –5
Chartsearch	27
Co of Designers (100p)	110 –1
Dolphin Packg (105p)	115 –3
Explaura	23 –1½
Fairway Ldn	78
Gaelic Res	5½
Hard Rock Cafe	135 –2
Do 'A'	105 +3
ISA Intl (80p)	95 +2
Knobs Knockers	85
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	130 +2
Marcol Group	65
Power Corp	77
Record (86p)	86 +1
Rolls-Royce (170p)	110
Rural Plan	88
Sec Archives	150 +5
Shaftsbury (180p)	115
Stanhope Props (250p)	142 +2
Sykes-Pickavant	120 +2
Tomorrows Leisure	36
Tubular Exhib	22 –1
URS Intl	58
USDC Inv	116
Wilshaw Secs	24
Zetters Leis	130 –1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cityvision N/P	¼
Eagle Trust N/P	¾
Feedex N/P	9
Securiguard N/P	¾

(Issue price in brackets).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Allid Lyon	300	46	60	73	15	22	27
(*330)	330	27	38	53	30	40	50
	360	15	27	37	55	65	80
Bass	750	67	93	110	30	48	60
(*794)	800	43	68	85	57	72	85
	850	22	45	65	92	105	115
Brit Air	130	23	32	35	10	14	18
(*142)	140	18	25	32	13	18	22
	160	9	15	23	24	30	33
Brit Coal	300	45	65	75	20	30	45
(*325)	330	25	45	55	40	45	60
	360	15	25	40	60	75	80
Brit Gas	120	18	22	26	6	11½	17
(*129)	130	10	17	22	12	18	22
	140	–	12	15	–	25	28
BP	240	27	37	42	9	18	25
(*254)	260	15	25	35	18	30	35
	280	–	16	27	–	40	48
Britoil	200	25	35	45	25	35	42
(*195)	220	14	27	35	35	45	55
	240	6	20	28	50	60	70
Cons Gold	700	175	190	210	30	50	75
(*840)	750	125	150	175	55	75	95
	800	90	120	150	80	100	120
Courtauld	300	50	65	75	18	28	38
(*327)	330	30	50	58	28	43	52
	360	18	38	47	50	60	70
Com Union	390	12	28	38	70	82	90
(*303)	280	42	52	67	12	22	35
	300	33	43	57	20	35	45
C & W	330	17	32	42	38	50	65
(*292)	280	47	60	73	10	25	30
	290	37	50	65	18	32	44
	300	25	40	55	28	47	55
	330	15	30	48	53	65	82
GEC	160	22	32	40	6	13	18
(*171)	180	10	18	28	18	23	28
	200	5	12	18	33	38	43
GKN	240	47	55	62	12	22	30
(*271)	260	33	45	53	20	33	38
	280	20	35	43	32	45	50
	300	15	25	35	43	57	62
Grand Met	360	60	70	85	10	20	28
(*404)	390	36	50	65	20	32	43
	420	23	38	50	35	47	55
	450	12	23	35	63	75	80
ICI	1100	120	150	175	35	60	85
(*1025)	1050	85	125	150	55	80	110
	1100	65	98	126	77	125	135
	1100	45	75	105	110	150	165
Jaguar	280	40	51	63	18	28	30
(*299)	300	28	42	55	25	39	43
	330	19	31	42	47	58	61
Land Sec	360	73	88	103	12	22	32
(*445)	420	50	65	85	20	27	38
	460	27	48	65	40	50	58
M & S	180	20	30	38	12	16	21
(*185)	200	8	21	28	24	28	32
	220	4	13	18	40	44	48
R-Royce	110	12	20	25	12	16	19
(*111)	120	5	15	21	17	22	25
	130	5	11	19	25	29	33
	140	4	9	15	33	36	39
Sainsbury	220	32	42	45	14	16	23
(*227)	240	12	22	28	23	28	33
	260	6	13	20	38	40	45
Shell	950	95	125	152	50	90	110
(*968)	1000	70	103	130	70	117	135
	1050	52	82	113	100	140	160
Storehse	220	50	60	70	10	17	22
(*257)	240	37	48	55	15	25	35
	260	25	38	45	27	33	45
	280	17	30	37	37	45	55
Trafalgar	280	45	57	67	13	17	27
(*310)	300	30	45	55	24	32	40
	330	17	30	40	46	47	55
TSB	100	15	15	19	9	12	16
(*107)	110	11	15	19	10	14	16
	120	6	12	15	18	21	22
Woolworth	260	40	55	70	15	22	35
(*274)	280	25	45	55	30	35	45
	300	15	30	40	50	55	65
	330	10	20	25	65	75	85

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad	100	25	30	37	7	13	15
(*115)	110	15	25	30	10	15	20
	120	8	20	27	15	20	25
Barclays	420	37	58	72	15	30	42
(*443)	460	13	37	52	33	50	62
	500	7	25	35	65	80	85
Beecham	350	95	110	125	4	13	20
(*451)	390	62	90	105	7	17	30
	420	45	70	90	12	30	43
	460	29	48	70	30	47	60
Boots	220	18	30	38	9	15	20
(*227)	240	8	20	30	22	30	37
	260	4	15	20	43	45	52
BTR	240	35	45	53	6	15	23
(*259)	260	28	37	46	13	23	32
	280	11	25	30	25	35	43
Blue Circ	360	48	63	70	6	15	23
(*338)	330	28	45	52	17	25	33
	360	–	28	37	–	42	52
Dixons	220	17	28	36	17	25	32
(*216)	240	6	20	28	33	40	46
	260	3	13	22	48	55	55

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
De Beers	1050	40	–	–	100	–	–
(*950)	1100	15	–	–	150	–	–
	1200	5	–	–	–	–	–
Glaxo	1000	85	155	200	35	85	110
(*1055)	1050	60	130	175	70	105	135
	1100	37	110	150	105	140	160
	1150	28	90	130	135	170	190
Hanson	110	21	25	30	1¾	5	8
(*129)	120	13	18	24	4	9	13
	130	7	13	18	8	14	18
	140	3½	9	15	14	20	23
Lonrho	200	30	37	45	8	17	23
(*221)	220	15	27	35	17	27	35
	240	–	20	27	–	40	47
	260	–	12	18	–	57	63
Midland	330	57	70	85	6	15	20
(*373)	360	37	52	65	17	35	45
	390	17	35	50	35	45	60
Sears	120	18	28	29	5	8	12
(*139)	130	11	19	24	9	14	18
	140	7	14	18	17	20	24
Tesco	140	27	35	40	4	9	12
(*161)	160	–	24	29	–	18	20
	183	3	18	–	27	31	–
Thorn EMI	420	130	150	165	4	12	18
(*543)	460	90	112	135	10	20	30
	500	57	82	100	18	35	47
	550	28	55	75	37	55	70
THF	180	30	38	48	8	18	30
(*198)	200	15	27	35	15	25	40
	220	6	17	23	27	28	50
Unilever	420	70	90	102	8	24	35
(*473)	460	34	65	80	20	38	50
	500	17	40	62	45	55	65
Wellcome	330	57	78	85	7	22	33
(*377)	360	34	60	77	15	33	44
	390	18	47	65	32	50	62

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAA	90	17	22	–	10	13	–
(*96)	100	12	18	25	18	20	28
	110	8	13	19	27	32	39
Brit Aero	300	50	62	72	25	40	47
(*321)	330	33	45	57	57	65	80
	360	22	35	–	88	75	90
BAT Ind	390	58	78	85	77	90	105
(*424)	420	42	58	68	98	113	128
	460	25	38	50	135	150	165
	500	12	25	–	180	195	210
Brit Tele	220	27	33	–	12	18	25
(*227)	240	14	23	28	22	32	35
	260	6	17	23	42	44	49
Cadbury	200	46	45	52	6	15	16
(*225)	220	25	32	38	18	22	32
	240	14	20	28	37	42	48
Guinness	220	45	57	65	10	17	23
(*254)	240	30	43	52	15	27	30
	260	20	30	40	30	38	47
Ladbroke	280	45	57	65	17	23	41
(*307)	300	32	45	53	33	35	50
	330	16	28	36	63	58	76
LASMO	220	28	45	55	12	25	35
(*225)	240	19	30	40	25	37	47
	260	45	60	–	43	52	65
Pilkngtn	200	36	45	–	13	20	27
(*213)	220	23	35	–	28	36	47
	240	13	25	–	52	58	72
Plessey	140	18	25	–	8	14	17
(*141)	160	11	18	–	28	33	38
P & O	420	90	100	–	13	17	–
(*498)	460	69	73	–	35	30	37
	500	49	55	75	45	52	60
Prudential	750	95	120	–	40	65	–
(*783)	800	65	95	115	80	90	102
	850	45	73	–	125	130	135
Racal	200	48	58	–	11	13	–
(*235)	220	33	43	52	16	23	30
	240	22	32	40	27	33	40
RTZ	360	90	105	–	11	20	–
(*330)	390	75	90	–	22	35	–
	300	60	70	85	30	48	60
	330	35	50	65	45	65	80
Vaal Reef	1001	95	25	53	11	14	20
(*111)	110	13	19	–	17	22	28
	120	9	13	–	25	30	–
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£107)	122	5/16	5/16	–	1/16	1/16	–
	104	3/16	3/16	–	1/16	1/16	–
	106	1/16	1/16	–	1/16	1/16	–
	108	1/16	2/16	–	1/16	2/16	–
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£116)	114	3 5/16	3 5/16	5	1/16	1/16	2/16
	116	2 1/16	3	4	4/16	2/16	3 2/16
	118	1 1/16	2 4/16	3	8/16	3/16	4/16
	120	3/16	2/16	3 2/16	2/16	4/16	5/16
	122	1/16	1/16	2/16	4/16	5/16	6/16

FT-SE INDEX (*1668)

Series	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
1550	125	170	200	225	6	35	65	95
1600	80	136	165	205	6½	53	85	115
1650	44	105	140	180	24	75	105	140
1700	15	86	120	155	45	100	135	165

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Modest losses

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 23. Dealings end December 4. §Contango day December 7. Settlement day December 14. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 28)

Portfolio —Gold—

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Bowthorpe	Electricals	
2	Ellis & Goldstein	Drapery,Stores	
3	Rigby Group	Building,Roads	
4	Tibbet & Britten	Drapery,Stores	
5	Smart (J)	Building,Roads	
6	Bridon	Industrials A-D	
7	Wates	Property	
8	Caradon	Building,Roads	
9	Ransome Sims	Industrials L-R	
10	TI	Industrials S-Z	
11	Baird (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
12	Multitone Elect	Electricals	
13	Int Signal & Control	Electricals	
14	Davy	Industrials A-D	
15	Firstland	Oil & Gas	
16	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	Tobaccos	
17	Roxhaugh	Property	
18	Boase Massimi	Paper,Print,Adv	
19	Allied Lon	Property	
20	WCRS	Paper,Print,Adv	
21	Goal Pet	Oil & Gas	
22	Mackay (Hugh)	Textiles	
23	Kennedy Brookes	Hotels,Caterers	
24	Woodside	Oil & Gas	
25	Stylo	Shoes,Leather	
26	Worcester	Industrials S-Z	
27	BPB Ind (aa)	Building,Roads	
28	Yule Catto	Chemicals,Plas	
29	Slough Estates	Property	
30	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
31	Cantors 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
32	Micro Focus	Electricals	
33	Brown Boveri Kent	Electricals	
34	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K	
35	Smiths Ind	Industrials S-Z	
36	Parkfield	Industrials L-R	
37	Metal Box (aa)	Industrials L-R	
38	Brixton	Property	
39	Telephone Rentals	Electricals	
40	Regalian	Property	
41	Hammerson	Property	
42	Audio Fidelity	Electricals	
43	Guinness (aa)	Breweries	
44	MK Elect	Electricals	
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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Portfolio —Gold—

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DAILY DIVIDEND £4,000

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SHORTS (Under Five Years)

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

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INSURANCE

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LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
301	132	Barr & WA A	210	220		12.3	5.7	16.7
235	165	Boosey & Hawkes	165	175	+5	8.6	3.0	20.8
471	143	Brent Walker	278	288	●-4	5.5	2.9	9.7
337	110	Campari	184	194		8.2	5.0	10.1

MINING

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
186	82	Ampol	104	112				
139	38	Aran Energy	72	75	+1			
151	11	Atlantic Resources	11	13	+1			
121	41	Aus Oil & Gas	38	43				

OVERSEAS TRADERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
223	77	Challington	130	140	●+2	9.7	7.2	20.0
130	79	Finlay (James)	83	88	●	5.7	6.6	
752	326	Harrison Crosfield	508	515	●-3	32.9b	6.4	18.5
850	330	Inchcape	585	595	●	30.6	5.2	14.1
383	180	Lonrho (aa)	218	221	-2	16.3	7.4	10.4
170	45	Ocean Wilson	57	62	●-1	3.4	5.7	9.3
416	205	Paterson Zoch	282	292	●+2	9.7	3.4	8.9
416	205	Do A	282	292		9.7	3.4	8.9
423	105	Polly Peck	263	270	+2	8.4	3.1	5.7
108	30	Sime Darby	47	57				
224	56	Tozer Kemsley	57	60	+1	1.5	2.5	6.0

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

PROPERTY

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
677	315	Assoc Br Ports	390	405	+3	8.9	2.2	16.6
439	275	Caledonia	310	315	●	8.0	2.6	44.3
191	101	Common Bros	112	117	●+2	6.5	5.7	12.7
99	56	Fisher (James)	69	72	-1	2.8	3.9	
910	500	Graig	503	800		20.6	3.2	15.5
102	67	Jacobs (JI)	66	69		5.5	8.1	
460	31	Mersey Docks	333	337	-1			31.4
394	212	Ocean Transport	230	240	+5	12.9	5.5	12.1
775	425	P & O Dfd (aa)	390	506	+3	28.1	5.6	12.6
338	160	Runciman (Walter)	232	237	●-15	8.9b	3.8	13.6
445	76	Tiphook	240	250		5.9	2.4	12.4
635	375	Turnbull Scott	400	500	-35	12.3	2.7	63.0

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
185	45	Headlam Sims	75	85	-8	0.7	0.9	
410	201	Lambert Howarth	295	315		10.3	3.4	12.6
411	170	Pittard	310	313	●-1	7.9	2.5	15.6
352	143	Strong & Fisher	203	209		14.4	7.0	7.4
371	135	Stylo	220	230	+5	6.9	3.1	39.7

TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
739	395	BAT (aa)	423	425	-25	21.0	5.0	10.0
183	118	Carreras	105	120	●			
459	236	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	385	388	+6	10.6	2.7	10.7

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Cadbury Schweppes MANAGEMENT PROVEN IN THE MARKET PLACE.



The French have long been renowned for their good taste. It's not altogether surprising then that they have developed a *penchant* for the rather sophisticated, bitter taste of Schweppes tonic water. So much so, that they frequently drink it neat rather than as a mixer.

A French revolution.

With over 90% of the market "*le Schweppes*" is quite literally synonymous with tonic water in France. Many pundits felt that this very strength could prove a weakness. Would consumers accept a new product bearing the same name as their much loved tonic? And would existing sales of tonic be harmed by a new Schweppes product?

Cadbury Schweppes took note but kept their heads. Never ones to back down from a challenge, they decided to storm the highly competitive fruit carbonates market. The 64,000 *francs* question was whether the Schweppes name would go down like a lead *ballon*.

Pre-launch research was encouraging. Far from acting as a deterrent, the Schweppes name was generating greater trial than any other.

Three basic flavours were created and, in order to distinguish them from the competition, a more adult positioning was chosen for the new range.



How do you excite the delicate French palate, accustomed as it is to the finest food and wine?

Cadbury Schweppes profitable answer was to leave a bitter taste in the mouth.

This was achieved by capitalising even further on the established success of tonic water.

A dash of bitter grapefruit helped provide the inimitable Schweppes taste, and the name Schweppes Dry was chosen to emphasise the sophisticated British *je ne sais quoi* that was Schweppes.

Incroyable mais vrai.

From day one, the new range performed above all expectations. Within six months Schweppes Dry had drawn level in food outlets with the number two brand (a brand with a mere 40 years headstart) and a fourth flavour has now been introduced.

As for Schweppes tonic water, far from meeting its Waterloo, the brand is currently enjoying its highest ever market share.

As Chief Executive Dominic Cadbury points out: "The international strength of the Schweppes brand, and our French management team's intimate knowledge of local market conditions, have combined to grow our beverage profits in France by nearly 90% in the 12 months to the end of June".



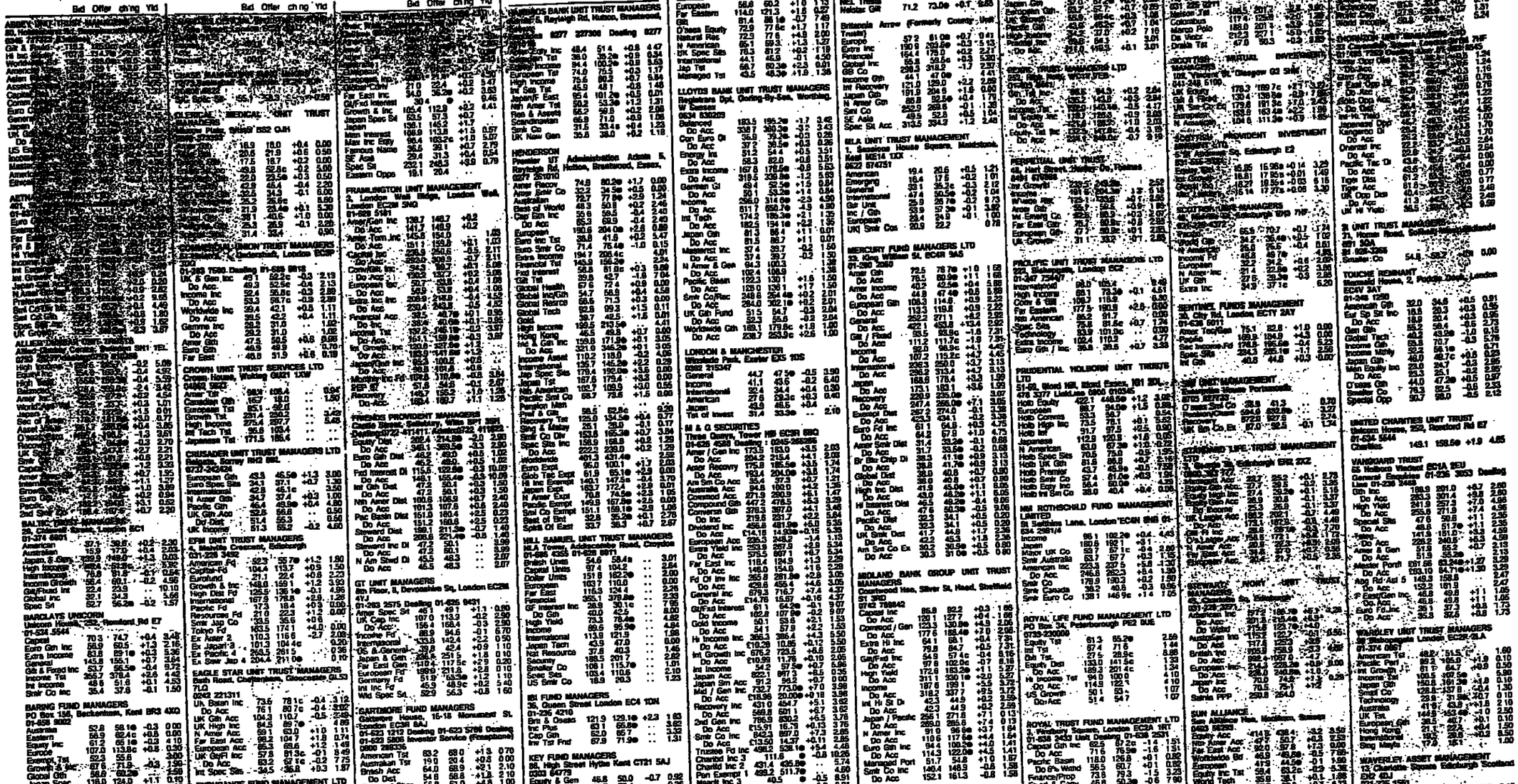


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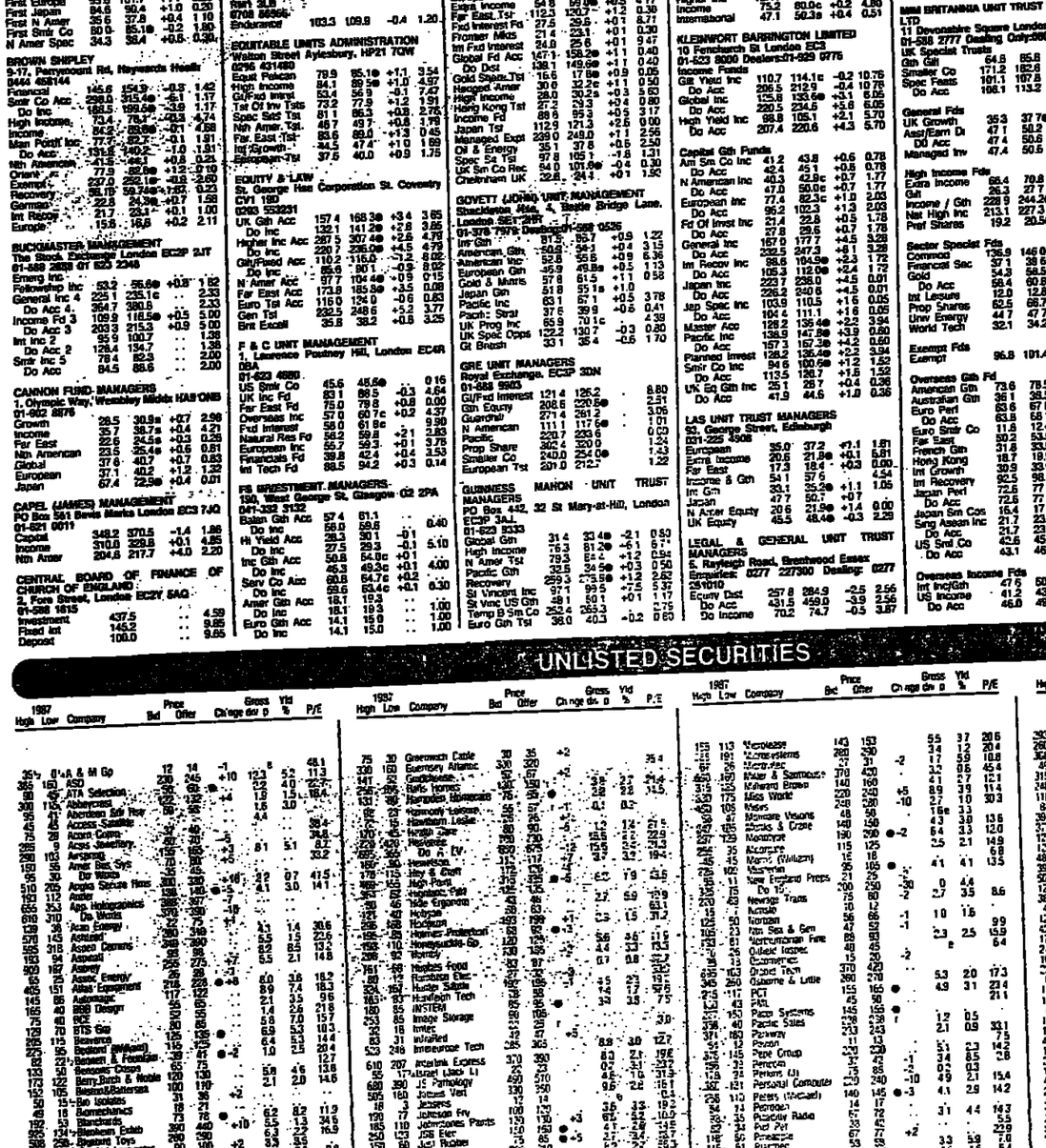
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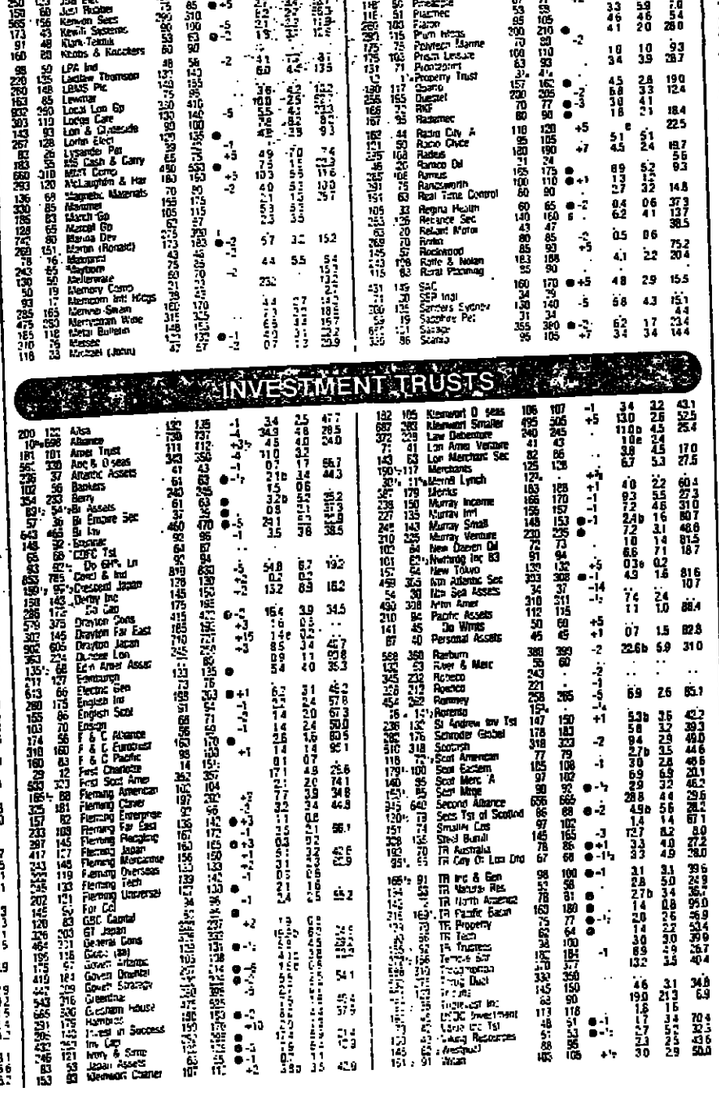
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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 75.8 (day's range 75.6-75.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for November 25

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New York	1.7895-1.7975	1.7950-1.7960	0.34-0.31pr.	0.85-0.81pr
Montr'l	2.3409-2.3585	2.3505-2.3507	0.15-0.04pr	0.07p-0.09d
Amsterdm	3.3844-3.3706	3.3547-3.3693	1¾-1¼pr	3¼-3¼pr
Brussels	62.45-62.65	62.47-62.63	¾-1¼ds	3¾-4¼ds
Copnhgn	11.5050-11.5437	11.5462-11.5406	par-par	2-7ds
Frankft	2.9885-2.9952	2.9941-2.9957	1¼-1¼pr	3¾-3¼pr
Lisbon	240.56-244.18	242.26-244.19	95-136ds	286-386ds
Madrid	201.25-201.93	201.25-201.72	67-115ds	13-20ds
Milan	2198.07-2205.93	2201.57-2206.39	2-5ds	18¾-19ds
Oslo	11.4720-11.5295	11.4938-11.5181	⅝-¾ds	⅝-1¼ds
Paris	10.1905-10.1920	10.1418-10.1609	½pr-par	2¼-2¾ds
Stockhlm	10.7848-10.8341	10.7957-10.8107	par-½ds	2¼-2¾pr
Tokyo	241.25-241.88	241.43-241.74	1-¾pr	3¾-3½pr
Vienna	20.99-21.68	21.01-21.04	8¾-7¾pr	25¾-25¾pr
Zurich	2.4533-2.4616	2.4576-2.4616	1¾-1¼pr	3¾-3pr

Tradeline – pt. Discount – dis.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	7.4188-7.5127
Australia dollar	2.5841-2.5893
Bahrain, dinar	0.6725-0.6765
Brazil, cruzado*	109.795-110.405
Cyprus pound	0.8100-0.8200
Finland markka	7.3975-7.3475
Greece drachma	234.75-236.75
Hong Kong dollar	13.9487-13.9594
India rupee	23.19-23.30
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.4948-0.4985
Malaysia dollar	3650-3650
Mexico peso	2.8576-2.8563
New Zealand dollar	2.6850-2.7250
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.7145-6.7511
Singapore dollar	3.6419-3.6519
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4900-5.5060
S Africa rand (com)	3.3331-3.3421
U A E dirham	6.5475-6.5875

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5855-1.5955	Denmark	8.4325-8.4375
Singapore	2.0365-2.0375	W Germany	1.6660-1.6687
Malaysia	2.4930-2.4940	Switzerland	1.3707-1.3717
Japan	0.6922-0.6932	Netherlands	1.8775-1.8785
Australia	1.3095-1.3105	France	5.6600-5.6625
Canada	6.0300-6.0350	Japan	134.70-134.80
Sweden	6.4130-6.4180		

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 9 Finance Hse 10%

Discount Market Loans %

Overnight High: 9¼ Low 8 Week fixed. 8⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying 2 mth - 8¾ 3 mth - 8¹³/₁₆

Selling 2 mth - 8¾ 3 mth - 8¹³/₁₆

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 mth 8¹³/₁₆-8¹¹/₁₆ 2 mth 8¹³/₁₆-8¹¹/₁₆ 3 mth: 8¹³/₁₆-8¹¹/₁₆

6 mth 8¹³/₁₆-8¹¹/₁₆

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 mth 9¹/₃₂ 2 mth 9¹/₃₂ 3 mth: 9¹/₃₂

8 mth 9¹/₁₆

Interbank (%) Overnight open 9¼ close 9¼

1 week 9¼-9 1 mth 9-8¹⁵/₁₆ 3 mth. 9-8¹⁵/₁₆

6 mth 9-8¹⁵/₁₆ 9 mth 9-8¹⁵/₁₆ 12 mth: 9¼-9

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 day 8¾ 7 day 8¾ 1 mth. 8¹³/₁₆

3 mth: 8¹³/₁₆ 6 mth 8¹³/₁₆ 12 mth: 8¹³/₁₆

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 mth 9¼-9¼ 2 mth: 9¼-8¹³/₁₆ 3 mth: 9¼-8¹³/₁₆

6 mth 9¼-8¹³/₁₆ 9 mth 9¼-8¼ 12 mth: 9¼-8¼

Sterling CDs (%)

1 mth 8¹⁵/₁₆-8¹³/₁₆ 3 mth. 8¾-8¾ 6 mth. 8¼-8¾

12 mth 8¼-8¼

Dollar CDs (%)

1 mth 6.95-6.90 3 mth: 7.45-7.40 6 mth: 7.45-7.40

12 mth 7.90-7.85

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth.	3 mth.	6 mth
Dollar	6¼-6⅛	6¼-6⅛	7-6¹⁵/₁₆	7¹/₁₆-7
Deutschemark	3¾-3½	3⅝-3⅜	3¾-3¼	3¹³/₁₆-3¹⁵/₁₆
Call: 3¾-2¾				
French Franc	8¾-8⅝	8¾-8⅝	9-8¾	9¹/₁₆-8¹⁵/₁₆
Call: 9¼-8¾				
Swiss Franc	5¾-4¾	2¾-2¾	4¼-3¹⁵/₁₆	4¹/₁₆-3¹⁵/₁₆
Call: 1½-½				
Yen:	4¾-4¼	4¾-4¼	4¹/₁₆-4¹/₁₆	4¹/₁₆-4¹/₁₆
Call: 3¾-2¾				

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: October 30, 1987 . Agreed rates November 25, 1987 to December 25, 1987 . Scheme I: 11 36 per cent. Scheme II & III: 11 29 per cent. Reference rate October 1, 1987 to October 30, 1987 . Scheme IV: 10.094 per cent.

GOLD

BULLION:

Open $479.00-479.50 Close $476.50-477.00

High $479.00-479.50 Low $474.00-474.50

COINS: Per coin (*Ex VAT)

Britannia: $490.00-495.00 (£273.00-275.50)

Krugerrand* $475.00-478.00 (£264.00-266.00)

Maplaleaf (1/oz): $490.00-495.00 (£273.00-275.50)

American Eagles $490.00-495.00 (£273.00-275.50)

New Sovereigns*: $112.00-113.00 (£62.25-63.00)

Old Sovereigns* $112.00-113.50 (£62.25-63.25)

Platinum. $509.50 (£284.30)

Palladium. $121.00 (£67.50)

Silver: $6.97-6.99 (£3.880-3.895)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Dec 87	91.13	91.19	91.10	91.12	3656
Mar 88	91.24	91.26	91.15	91.19	2242
Jun 88	91.18	91.19	91.09	91.12	132
Sep 88	91.01	91.02	90.95	90.96	29
Dec 88	90.84	90.84	90.77	90.79	13
Mar 89	90.64	90.64	90.54	90.59	9
Three Month Eurodollar	Previous open interest 36872				
Dec 87	92.42	92.47	92.35	92.38	2278
Mar 88	92.40	92.47	92.33	92.38	2271
Jun 88	92.05	92.07	91.98	92.02	227
Sep 88	91.73	91.73	91.65	91.66	102
Dec 88	91.43	91.43	91.43	91.36	10
Mar 89	NT	—	—	91.12	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond	Previous open interest 7048				
Dec 87	88-20	89-00	87-29	88-04	10214
Mar 88	87-29	88-04	87-03	87-06	661
Jun 88	NT	—	—	86-12	0
Long Gilt	Previous open interest 26551				
Dec 87	120-30	121-08	120-06	120-10	33389
Mar 88	120-28	121-10	120-13	120-15	6087
FT-SE 100	Previous open interest 7175				
Dec 87	168.60	169.30	167.80	167.80	1736
Mar 88	172.10	172.10	170.70	171.35	319
Japanese Govt Bond	Previous open interest 652				
Dec 87	107 10	107 31	107 10	107 15	64
Mar 88	107 10	107 10	106.70	106.70	464

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Brent traded slightly aimlessly, prices largely supported by short-covering and the forthcoming Opec meeting. The underlying sentiment was distinctly bearish. Products traded in a narrow range with players reluctant to commit themselves ahead of the US holiday

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	17 65	-25
15 day Dec	17 70	-20
15 day Jan	17 90	-15
WTI Jan	18.65	-15
WTI Feb	18.55	-15

PRODUCTS $-ry/sell $/MT.

Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	178-180	
Gasoil EEC	164-166	
Non 2H Nov +2	161-162	+2
Non 1H Dec	162-163	
3.5 Fuel Oil -1	86 -87	-1
Naphta	152-153	

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Jan 88 Hi 1244-1220 Low Close 1240.0

Apr 88 Hi 1285-1271 Low Close 1274.0

Jul 88 Hi 1140-1134 Low Close 1134.0

Oct 88 Hi 1230-1230 Low Close 1230.0

Vol 386 lots Open interest 1626

Dry cargo index 1168.0 +9.0 on 24/11/87

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Dec	161.75-61.50
Jan	161.25-61.00
Feb	159.75-58.50
Mar	155.75-54.50
Apr	151.50-51.00
May	150.50-48.00
Jun	150.00-49.00
Jul	150.00-48.00
Aug	153.00-47.00
Vol	4545

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter

Dec	ung
Jan	ung
Vol	0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	102.50	102.50
Mar	91.00	90.50
Apr	151.00	150 10
May	185.30	184.00
		Vol 131

LONDON FOX

G W Joynson

COCOA	
Dec 1093-092	Sep 1185-183
Mar 1127-126	Dec 1210-208
May 1148-145	Mar 1233-231
Jul 1166-165	Vol 5821
COFFEE	G W Joynson
Nov 1221-220	Jul 1315-310
Jan 1253-252	Sep 1340-335
Mar 1274-273	Nov 1365-356
May 1296-295	Vol 2264
SUGAR	C Czarnikow
FOB	Vol: 3700
Dec 176 4-76.0	Aug 180.4-80.0
Mar 179.4-79.2	Oct 180.6-80.0
May 179.6-79.4	Dec 183.4-83.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t)	Vol 529
Ja 115.00 Mr 117 00	My 119.30
Jl 121 75 Sp 102 15	Nv 104.05
BARLEY close (£/t)	Vol 71
Ja 107 80 Mr 108.75	My 111 60
Jl unq. Sp 98.00	Nv 100.00
SOYABEAN	
Dec 146.5-45.5	Aug 126.5-25.0
Feb 143.2-42.5	Oct 127.0-25.5
Apr 138.0-38 1	Dec 126.5-25.5
Jun 128.7-27.8	Vol 335

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1610.0-1612.0	1347.0-1348.0	201850	Strong
Copper Stand	1480.0-1500.0	1325.0-1335.0	Nil	Idle
Lead	368.00-369.00	350.50-351 50	35425	Steadier
Zinc Hi Gde	484.50-485.50	484.00-484.50	23125	Steady
Silver Large†	688.00-690.00	702.00-704.00	53	Quiet
Silver Small†	688.00-690.00	702.00-704.00	Nil	Idle
Aluminium	946.00-947 00	922.00-923.00	137575	Steady
Aluminium Hi*	1690.0-1700.0	1660.0-1680.0	5725	Idle
Nickel	3520-3530	3440-3445	6162	Very Firm

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	91.50	90.50
Apr	94.50	93.80
Jun	94.50	94.50
Aug	95.50	96.50
Live Cattle Contract		
Nov	101.00	101 00
Jan	102.50	102.50
Feb	101.00	101.00

Vol Pig-3 Cattle-10

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on November 25

	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
(p/kg lw)			
GB (p)	72.37	194.41	101.57
GB (+/-)	-0.37	+7.53	+2.51
Eng/Wal (%)	-5.4	-4.5	-1.6
Eng/Wal (p)	72.37	194.68	101.34
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-0.37	+7.57	+2.82
Scotland (%)	n/a	+23.5	+1.0
Scotland (p)	n/a	191.90	102.34
Scotland (+/-)	n/a	+7.79	+1.45

* Estimated dead carcase weight

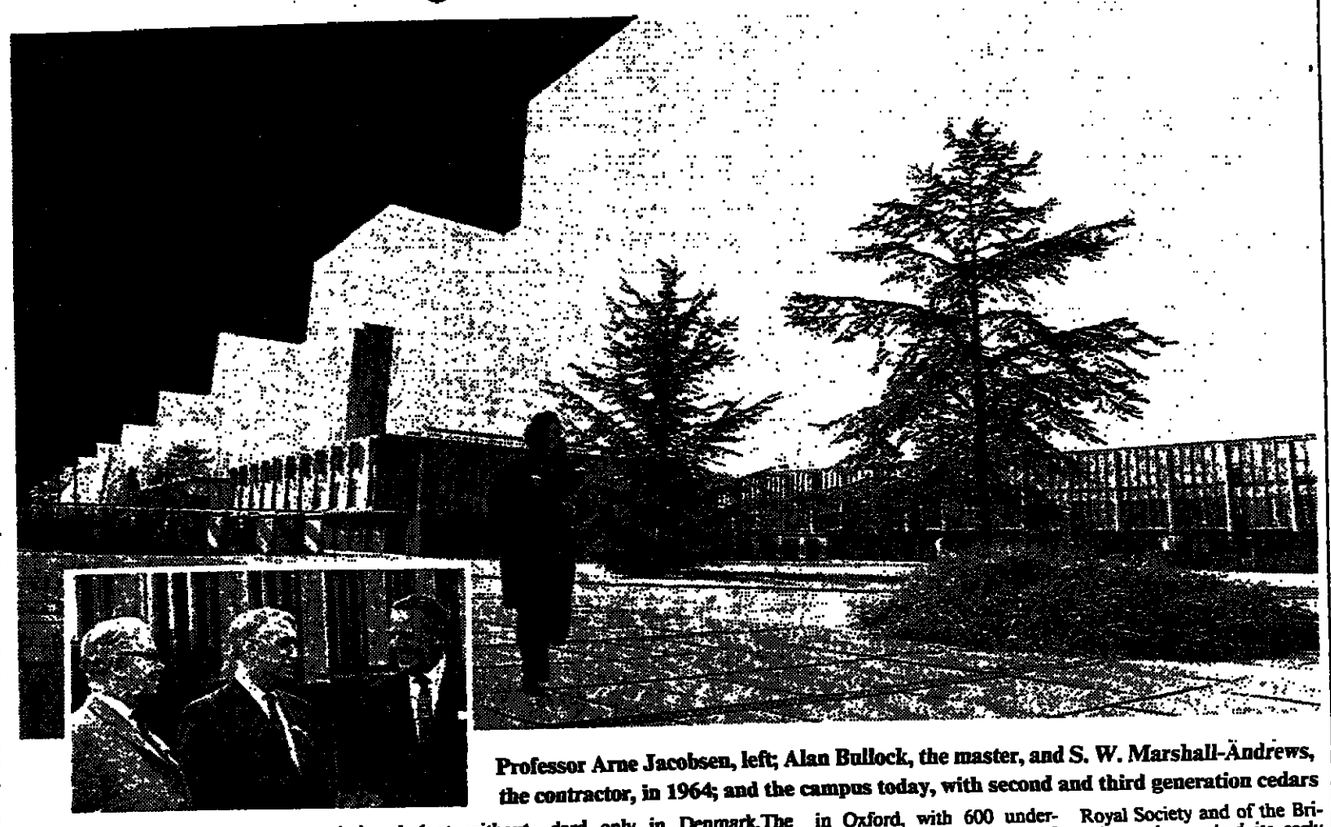
ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, OXFORD

FOCUS

A SPECIAL REPORT
By Philippa Toomey

From oddity to institution

It started life 25 years ago. Today, St Catherine's is Oxford's largest college



Peter Trevnor

Professor Arne Jacobsen, left; Alan Bullock, the master, and S. W. Marshall-Andrews, the contractor, in 1964; and the campus today, with second and third generation cedars

"Here is a perfect piece of architecture" says Nikolaus Pevsner, of St Catherine's College. "It has a consistent plan, and every detail is meticulously worked out. Self-discipline is its message, expressed in terms of a geometry pervading the whole and the parts and wherever one moves it stops".

Whatever the architectural historian may say, the founding of the college was a great deal less formal. In 1952 Alan Bullock, at the time a Fellow of New College, decided to offer himself for election as Censor of St Catherine's Society, an oddity in the university in that it looked after non-collegiate students, who came to Oxford, sometimes quite late in life, to take degrees. By the 1950s, with state grants increasing, it looked as though its usefulness might be at an end.

Alan Bullock was restless at the time. Born in 1914, he came to Oxford as a scholar from Bradford Grammar School, and at Wadham took a double first, in *literae humaniores* (Greek, Latin, philosophy and classical history) and in modern history. He worked with Winston Churchill on his *A History of the English Speaking Peoples*, and for the BBC, returning to Oxford in 1948, and writing, as a 20th-century historian, the first of his books, *Hitler: a study in tyranny*, published in 1952.

"I decided I didn't want to spend the rest of my life teaching undergraduates," he says, "and I was a young man in a hurry".

But he is a superb committee man, the vigorous Yorkshire voice able to persuade industrialists, banks, and financial houses, and the Hebdomadal Council of Oxford University, that a new college should be founded, divided 50/50 between science and the arts, and interested in attracting undergraduates from the state schools.

"In fact I started two new colleges," he says, pointing out that the graduate centre from St Catherine's Society became Linacre College.

He asked the warden of Merton whether he could think of a site on which St Catherine's could be built, and Merton came up with Holywell Great Meadow, on part of an island between the two arms of the Cherwell. In the 1930s it had been the corporation dump.

Alan Bullock spent years raising money ("I *love* fund-raising" he says, even now) and in 1959 he was nominated as Master of St Catherine's by the Hebdomadal Council, and Professor Arne Jacobsen, the Danish architect, was commissioned (not without angry letters to *The Times* about not using British architects) to design the buildings. More than £1 million had been raised, £250,000 of it from the University Grants Committee, the rest from industry and commerce.

Jacobsen was a perfectionist, and built in concrete and sand-coloured brick of a special 2in. size. Pencil marks on the walls still exist to indicate how he required each brick to be just so.

Enormous concrete beams were brought, three at a time along Banbury Road in the early hours of the morning. No detail was too small; the furniture, furnishings, the garden and its planting, the lighting and the cutlery were all designed by the architect, laying up trouble in unexpected ways; for example the replacement of the special three-pin electric plugs, standard only in Denmark. The college is a remarkable example of the best of 1960s architecture, well adapted for its purpose, and in its modernity not too far from the cloisters and quads of older establishments.

Alan Bullock insisted on the best, remembering one moment when money seemed to be running out and it was suggested to him that the cheapest kind of building should be put up, possibly designed by the municipal architect's office.

The providence which appears to look after St Catherine's promptly produced Dr Rudolph Light, an American who had taken a medical degree years before at St Catherine's Society. A generous gift and a further bequest in his will added up to $2½ million, enabling the building to be continued, and an endowment fund to be started.

It is now the largest college in Oxford, with 600 undergraduates. It has a royal charter, and as a sign of the university's approval, Alan Bullock was the first vice chancellor to be elected, for the longer term of four years, from 1969 to 1973.

In 1974 St Catherine's was one of the first five colleges to take women undergraduates, of which he said "the arrival of the first 30 young women was the equivalent of the refounding of the college. No other event in its history gave me so much satisfaction", adding that their influence had produced a civilizing and maturing effect on an all-male society.

It was originally thought that many years would elapse and that it would be a struggle before St Catherine's would take its place in the academic world.

It now has its Nobel Prize winners, its Fellows of the Royal Society and of the British Academy. And its early days produced a crop of firsts and entries in the top six of the Norrington Table.

Tonight as part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations there will be a feast in the great hall, given by Esso, decorated with tapestries designed by Tom Phillips, who was at St Catherines, and opened by Harold Macmillan, Chancellor of Oxford, who, in a characteristic aside of mischief mixed with wit, remarked that it must have been the most expensive filling station Esso ever erected.

With the low lights on the tables, the hall will look at its best, filled with people who will honour the founding master, now Lord Bullock, for his vision and his energy and his continuing belief in the greatness of a college where, 30 years ago, only cows could enjoy the view.

Outsider chosen to fight a corner



Sir Patrick: distinguished

"I was *very* surprised" said Sir Patrick Nairne, when he was approached to ask if his name could go on the shortlist as master to succeed Lord Bullock. He has spent a most distinguished career as a civil servant.

Following his First in Modern History (he was at University College, Oxford) after his war service (the MC in 1943), he joined the Admiralty in 1947, and ended a career there, which, after a long period with the Ministry of Defence, progressed into the Cabinet Office, and ended as Permanent Secretary to the DHSS from 1975 to '81.

St Catherine's chose a man from the world "outside" to lead them through difficult times. It is perhaps a short mastership, since he retires next year, and his successor is already chosen.

The master's lodgings ("outside the parallelepiped" as Pevsner puts it) are a little apart, but close to the long rectangles of the college buildings, looking out over the gardens which have grown from Arne Jacobsen's original design.

Most expensive way of teaching undergraduates

The 1960s and 1970s were a time for growth and expansion. As Sir Patrick points out, as he arrived there were reductions in government funding, and cuts in academic posts have resulted from this.

The main source of income – student fees, which account for around 80 per cent – are fixed by the Government, and have not risen with the increased costs. Cuts in academic posts may affect the college tutorial system, which is possibly the most expensive way of teaching undergraduates, but one to which the college is firmly devoted.

The master has all of these worries to hand, in that he chairs not only the governing body (which consists of all the Fellows, each with a voice and a vote) but also the academic policy committee, and the finance committee, and it has been decided to make an appeal, aiming at £3 million, from all sources.

It is the sheer pressure on his time which is impressive to the outsider. He and Lady Nairne (their six children are all grown up, their eldest son, Sandy, is director of art at the Arts Council) very seldom have an evening to themselves.

Lady Nairne is pursuing her own course of study. The master has retained an interest in Health, and organized and chaired the St Catherine's seminars relating to medicine and health.

He has been much in demand by the media as a qualified guide through the corridors of power, notably over the *Spycatcher* case.

He is chairing the university committee set up to review the Department of Social and Administrative studies.

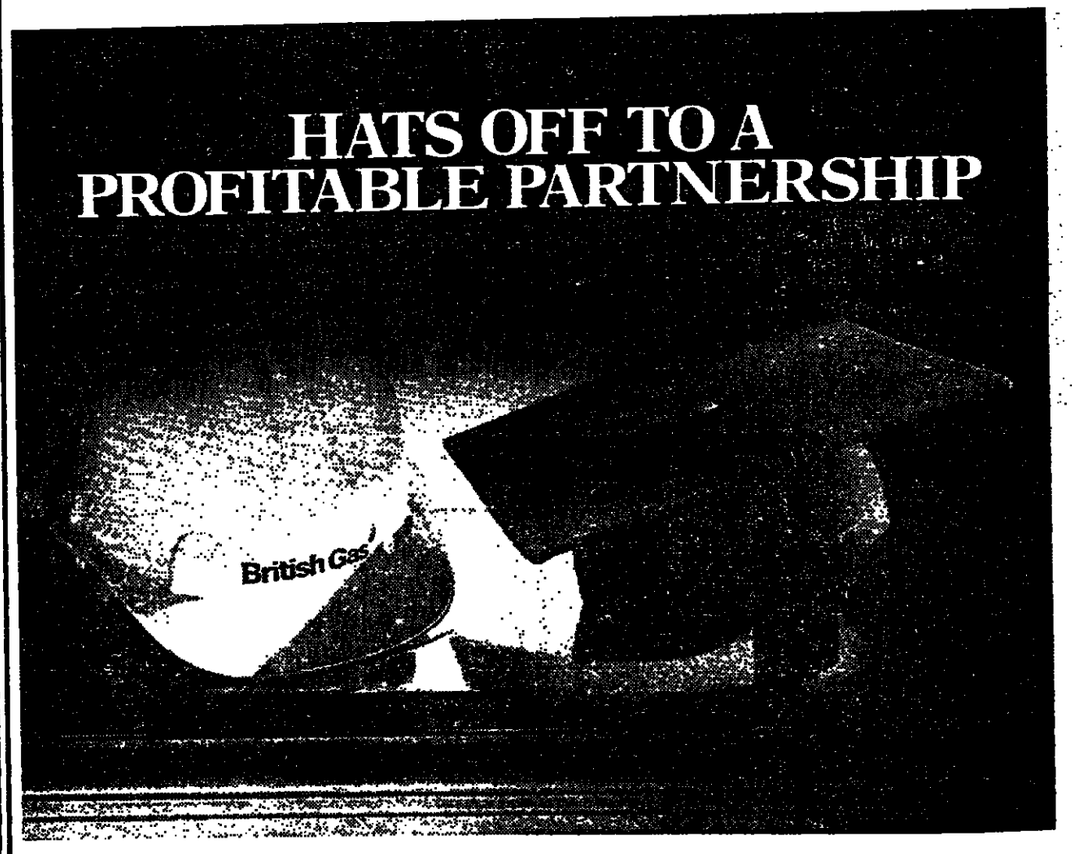
He is Chancellor of the University of Essex, trustee of the National Maritime Museum, the Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust, and the National Aids trust, vice-chairman of the West Midlands Board of Central Television, Council member of Voluntary Service Overseas and of the Oxford Museum of Modern Art – all will be familiar with notes in his beautiful italic hand.

And as a consolation for his happy retirement, he will be able to concentrate more on the painting of watercolour landscapes. "One can always, I think, improve."

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Better to earn money than beg it

"The college was built for Scandinavian males — who had very primitive washing conditions," says Dr Alan Tayler, tutor in mathematics, and a man who has twice taken on the hair shirt of finance bursar. The constitution of the college and its management structure were devised by Derek Davis, the tutor in law. It involves a period of five years for the administrative posts which keep the college running, such as dean, finance bursar, domestic bursar, senior tutor and admissions tutor.

It seems to work very well, possibly because, as Dr Tayler says, they all grew up together in the college, and know each other well, thus avoiding the tension which can form if professional outsiders come in to work on a permanent basis.

"Every aspect of our financial activity has been taken by the scruff of the neck and shaken," says Alan Tayler. They have changed their bank, their auditors, changed the internal structure, and put the accounts on a computer base, devised by John Simopoulos, the tutor in Philosophy. It has been agony, but they have managed to cut £100,000 out of current annual expenditure of about £2 million. But, as Dr Fram Dinshaw, Research Fellow in English Literature, and present Finance Bursar, points out, last year they had to spend £60,000 on waterproofing the flat roofs of the building, and they hope it will last at least 10 years.

Lord Wolfson, an Honorary Fellow, sent his expert to advise on energy, and the college has changed from the formerly cheap oil to gas. A lot of the building is glass, but double-glazing is out of the question.

The former town dump, underneath the building, is subsiding as the years go by, requiring swift and expensive remedial treatment, jacking up bits of the buildings. The most expensive item is the renovation of the existing "staircases" or living accommodation. The University Grants Committee paid for student accommodation, insisting on the spartan standards of the time. The college put its money into the splendid and attractive public rooms.

It is fortunate in having three theatres (one outside in the garden, and another capable of being turned into a cinema), a splendid library, lecture rooms, a huge hall — in fact everything that can (and does) make it attractive to the conference business.

It also has a car park — the envy of older and richer establishments. Last year it made £300,000 out of the conference business, claiming it is easier to get to Oxford from Heathrow than London. But the bedrooms offered are still student rooms, and the college has taken the difficult decision to renovate one staircase a year, moving slowly around the building at an estimated cost, today of £1¼ million.

The largest part of the income comes from fees, but about 20 per cent is an endowment fund, managed for the last 10 years by a former alumnus in Warburg's, following a very successful but rather alarming period when the economics tutor (now retired) ran the investments with tremendous panache, making a great deal of money in Australian energy stocks.

In a more sober time, as Dr Tayler points out, the college would rather make money than ask for it. He is himself in charge of a small committee looking at ways in which to increase income.

There are generous contributions made by industry for scholarships — Smith Associates has two and an annual lecture, the CEGB had had a research fellowship for 22 years and Kobe Steel gives a scholarship of £12,000 a year (which includes fees) for a graduate student who has to come from Australia, because Kobe's two centres outside Japan are Australia and Britain. Kobe Steel also takes three or four St Catherine's undergraduates each year in the summer to work, all expenses paid.

In the next 25 years the college has to change — and Alan Tayler thinks the impetus will come from "hungry" colleges rather than the university. A number of ideas and projects are being considered, making use of the splendid buildings, and the expertise that Oxford can supply.

Could they offer a sabbatical home to members of a profession (say, for example, the legal profession) wanting advisors, back up or membership of the Senior Common Room, in order to undertake a course of study? Industry spends a great deal on recruitment selection, not always with the happiest of results. Could the college offer a service by industry seeing a selected group of people over a period of years, with access to tutors and the best students, earmarked at an early age for success?

Consultancy would be a more complicated issue — but one of the advantages of a college is the close association and friendship between people of entirely different disciplines, and the links they form with their opposite numbers overseas.

Could the college, for example, offer not only advice on the development of a new drug, but also for the economics of its production and sale?

Peter Trevor



Arne Jacobsen's great hall, and tapestries by Tom Phillips behind the High Table

Teaching by tutorials of friendship

The tutorial relationship, says John Bayley, Thomas Wharton Professor of English Literature, and Michael Gearin-Tosh, tutor in English, is two people talking like friends, thinking aloud to one person.

"We never take anyone unless one of the tutors say that they feel a lift of the heart at the prospect of them being there. People can be as clever as paint, but we recommend them to other colleges."

A quotation from Coleridge, "In the wildest ode there is a logic as severe as that of a mathematical proposition", points the way to the view that the study of English trains a mind to a better view of what is good and what is bad.

English students go on to work for *Euromoney*, run housing associations, act, write prize winning novels, become Jesuits.

One of the cleverest English students sat for the entrance examination at school while living in a squat after his mother had died.

Others are more fortunate. Andrew Coombe (in his last year, reading French) has thoroughly enjoyed the theatre, sport (he has even gone parachuting) the debates in the junior common room and is now undecided whether to take up a place in London to read law, or look for a job in the diplomatic service.

Kathryn Dersley, in her first year is reading Russian (helped by the college satellite which picks up Russian TV) and is finding Oxford far friendlier and easier to cope with than she originally thought.

As Richard Parish, tutor in French, says, St Catherine's students (or Catz) are all bright, nice people, and very agreeable to teach. He is one of the Fellows living in college, with a charming study, small bedroom, a ravishing view over the meadows, and a tiny kitchen in a cupboard.

Student rooms are small, but the JCR is large and contains not only a discussion pit, but also a real fire. For the first time in 10 years, there is to be a ball. ("An *egalitarian* ball" says the JCR president, Rupert McNeil — "all the ball committee are old before their time").

Where JCR has pinball machines, the middle common room has tropical fish. Peter McCree, its president, is a medical sociologist, on a scholarship from the Banbury Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Trust. And the 200 members of the MRC are graduates or fourth-undergraduates, and, like the president of the JCR, McCree represents the interests of the MCR to the governing body.

Music at the college is in the hands of Dr Leask, tutor in physics ("All physicists are failed musicians") and as part of the celebrations this Saturday he has gathered together 87 alumni who have taken part in music at St Catherine's (there is a purpose-built music house).



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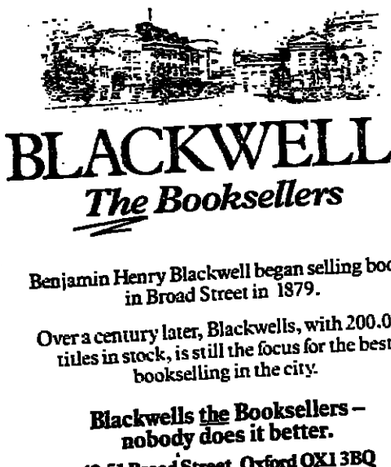
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The seminar as a near secret

Wilfrid Knapp, tutor in politics, is the Senior Fellow (and oldest inhabitant). He went to the St Catherine's Society in 1950 and helped to elect Alan Bullock in 1952 ("I had the pleasure of going to the telphone and asking 'Is that the Censor of St Catherine's speaking ?' ").

St Catherine's Society was an odd place, he says, which gave a whole lot of interesting people access to the University. Arthur Gaskin, a benefactor of the college, came from British Guyana to read chemistry, because he could not afford to read medicine.

Rudolph Light turned up so late in the academic year to read medicine that the Censor rang the Regius Professor and he was admitted.

Eric Williams, later Prime Minster of Trinidad, was an alumnus. Wilfrid Knapp's interest is in Middle Eastern politics, from his original study of French history – and he moved on to North Africa. In addition, he has one of the outside interests which makes St Catherine's part of the international scene: the Oxford Energy Seminar, now in its ninth year.

"The Oxford Energy Seminar is at St Catherine's partly because we have the facilities, and partly because I get on with Robert Mabro who created the seminar and the Oxford Institute of Energy Studies."

The seminar brings together annually 60 people for two weeks. It brings together producers and consumers, from all oil countries in the world, Arab and US, – there is no other seminar that is quite like it.

Nothing is reported, the press is not present and though the subjects are the same every year, there are rapid changes in the world of oil and always some new strategy or topic or policy to discuss.

*Study groups are the speci*ality of Dr John Ockendon, lecturer in mathematics, and solver of problems to industrial companies who need the help of a mathematician. As Dr Tayler (also a mathematician) points out, anything that goes on to a computer has a mathematical *application.*

There are links that could be set up through the Erasmus programme, using EEC money for research, and he was off for the weekend to Bari in Italy to discuss it. There is the big stimulus of visiting fellows – the Christensen Fellows financed by Allen Christensen come for a term and become part of the community, and remain contacts and friends from then on.

Dr Gilliane Sills, starting a five-year stint as Senior tutor, is tutor in Engineering, and with her colleague Dr Roger Ainsworth, (Engineering tutor), does research work for Rolls-Royce.

Dr Sills arrived 13 years ago without any background in university teaching, having previously been in research as a civil servant. "If the first year had been less hectic", she says. "I would probably have applied for a post elsewhere, but I never found the time".

No money is forthcoming for research in engineering if it is not worth while, so all their *work has a fairly strict applica*tion. She has a particular interest, as a civil engineer, in the behaviour of soil and the seabed, where methane gas forms bubbles.

"We got a grant to look at this, not because any oil company particularly wanted to know about it, because they *had gone ahead and built their* oil rigs by then." Blow- outs and unstable foundations have caused a new interest in Dr Sills's research.

As senior tutor she runs the academic policy committee, which has the interesting problem of a number of retirements coming up.

Academic performance is the criterion by which students will judge which colleges to apply to. Should the tutor in Spanish, on retirement, be replaced by another ? Or is *there a subject with higher* priority ? (An early decision ruled out both classics and theology).

Given that the university and the college pay proportions of salaries in a way totally bewildering to the outsider, it's a series of difficult decisions to take.

"Everyone has ageed that we are the right size for the last 20 years, during which time we have been growing steadily." What will be right for the next 25 years?



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The water garden is a fine feature of the grounds, designed by Arne Jacobsen, nurtured by two head gardeners, Harry Beavan, now retired, and his successor, Tony Young

Pillars upholding the academic structure

There are three pillars that under-pin the administrative structure of the college, says Dr Ceri Peach, tutor in geography, who has been both domestic and finance bursar in his time.

One is Daphne Doman, who has been with St Catherine's for 22 years, working for eight sucessive senior tutors and the admissions tutors, administering the admissions, collecting the fees, arranging degree ceremonies, looking after the graduate accommodation, and at the moment finding accommodation for 350 candidates to come to St Catherine's and be interviewed for 140 places in October 1988.

The chef, John Long, was poached from Merton, where he was No 2, in the earliest days, and he has been at St Catherine's for all the 25 years, cooking in primitive conditions in huts in the beginning, now with a staff of 11, including himself ("I'm a working chef").

There can be few chefs providing institutional food who get, as he does, a standing ovation at the college feast, and there are at least 200 to every meal, including dinner in the hall. Then there is the High Table (anything up to 40) and private parties in the common rooms, all with different menus.

The third pillar is Bill Scrivener, maintenance superintendent,who has been at St Catherine's 27½ years, in that he worked for the builder on the site. Subsidence of 1½in. over the years, cracking the large amounts of glass, has had to be remedied. New buildings, like the Mary Sunley, a small, self-contained conference centre in constant use, have added to the sum, and the good housekeeping of the original materials – like the Cumberland slate at £10 a slab, cleaned, sealed and repolished three times a year – ensures that Arne Jacobsen's vision of a complete whole will remain.

The garden was part of Jacobsen's vision. The garden master, Dr Barry Juniper, has an important role. "As tutor in botany," he said, "I learnt all my gardening from my wife and Harry Beavan, the first head gardener.

"Jacobsen knew a lot about gardening on Danish sand dunes, not the same as wet Oxford clay," he adds, cataloguing the disasters of the first few years, when the impacted soil meant that every hole dug for trees filled with water, froze and killed the plants.

"It took 10 years to beat the drainage problem, now we have over 100 species of tree."

He has spent 20 years removing Jacobsen's concrete and putting grass, softening the outlines with climbing plants, and as a by-product of the framework of yew hedges (now 18in. thick) the wind does not whistle down the parallelepiped, but is soaked up by the hedges.

A challenge to maintain excellence

E.B (Brian) Smith is Master-elect of St Catherine's (and I've been master-elect for far too long – I'd have preferred a couple of weeks"). The process of choosing a successor to Sir Patrick Nairne (a hard act to follow) could have been long and difficult.

When it began, Brian Smith, Fellow of St Catherine's and tutor in chemistry, had made an application to go elsewhere, and so the decision which usually takes 18 months to make was arrived at very swiftly.

"I"m delighted to be coming to St Catherine's as Master, though I"m not sure that appointments from within are always a good idea. It was important after Alan went that we had someone from outside.

"Oxford colleges can be very inward-looking, though I think St Catherine's is more than its modernity, it also accepts change – more than other places would. That's *what makes it exciting – its* receptivity and its new initiatives."

A tall man, whose relaxation is mountaineering, his first degree and his Ph D are from Liverpool.

He went to California for two years, (his wife is Californian) and came back with an ICI Fellowship, intending to return to California.

"I spent two years reorganizing my visa and then there was a Fellowship announced at St Catherine's. I talked to the professor of chemistry, because it was thought in those days that if you hadn't an Oxford degree there was not much use in applying – there was no one in the Department who *hadn't* got an Oxford degree, but I applied, and got it.

"I was going only to stay five years, but I've been here ever since."

Closely associated with the building of the college (he was on the original building committee) he is astonished with himself that he didn't realize what a unique enterprise it was.

"Growth and change and expansion were everywhere – new universities, new initiatives – we didnt realize that we were in a unique moment of history, that was not to return.

"We took it all for granted – that was normal, the mood of the time. It is breathtaking what Alan Bullock achieved."

For the last couple of years he has been vice-chairman of the general board in charge of the academic planning and budgeting of the university, which must have been a dispiriting experience.

Survival itself in Oxford is at stake, he believes, "in the *context in which we are* working Oxford University will lose something like 140 posts of academic staff, on top of a big retrenchment policy, which caused a 14 per cent cut after 1981, and adding and 11 per cent cut on to that – it will be a struggle to take new initiatives, to build activities."

Now he has a brief moment to pause before he takes over as master in October 1988. "*The question is how to* maintain excellence when newness is no longer a tremendous asset.

"The undergraduates we have here now weren't born when the college was founded. We have to realise we are not uniquely privileged, and if we relax, we can do badly. We have to focus on our original *aims, to attract undergrad*uates from the maintained schools, while finance is harder to come by."

He thinks it probable that they can make a contribution in business studies and technology. "While Oxford has got a record without parallel in the arts, and in the last 15 years, in pure science as well, we could try to develop the same level in the new applied vocational *subjects.*"

Brian Smith is a member of a small committee chaired by Sir Claus Moser, looking at the possibilities for business studies in Oxford. He points out that St Catherine's will have a chair in turbo machinery in the near future.



Brian Smith: master-elect on the look-out for new areas in which St Catherine's can make its mark

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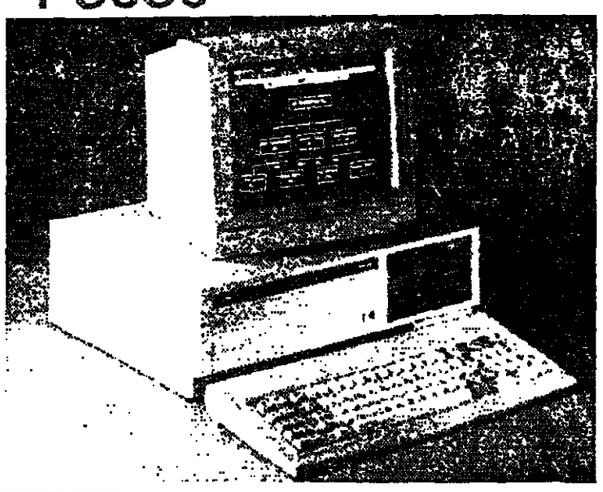
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In these pages of General Appointments the advertisements demand, explicitly or as taken for granted, one set of skills above all others. And a pretty loose set they are. The ability to explain and convince orally is one of them. The skill in writing clearly, in effective language and to the appropriate length, is another.

Then there is negotiation – something that calls for empathy, imagination in seeing the others' priorities, and patience in the proper use of time. Then again there is the more trainable knack of handling the techniques of transferring perception not only through words, but with symbols and graphics also.

We call them all communication skills. The connecting idea is sound enough, because it connotes sharing. A team is in one or more respects a community, and effective teamwork is what makes an enterprise successful. And dealing between teams, and dealing with other enterprises through the combination of objectives, as in buying and selling, is another test of the ability to begin and maintain the process of sharing.

It is one of the clichés in training and management that engineers are weak in communication. Some commentators would put scientists in the same category, of those who are better at handling things than they are at handling words and people.

The engineers get most of the criticism, perhaps, because their profession makes it almost inevitable that they need communication skills – to bring designs together, and to manage a workforce as production is commissioned and maintained.

Scientists may be involved in any of this, but science roles are more diverse and the inevitability is less.

Another cliché is that, in matters of communication, the arts graduate has an advantage. It is supposed to follow from three years of essay writing. Apart from all else, this judgment suggests a narrow view of what communication within industry requires of any graduate. Indeed, it requires a strangely insensitive idea of communication itself.

Essay writing is a mode of communication between student and academic. Sometimes it is heavily circumscribed by the conventions of a literary style – arts undergraduates often complain that their departments do not allow the numbering of points or paragraphs or the use of short and direct sentences, and impose a high minimum number of words which *have* to be written. But always it suffers from the limitation inherent in the linearity of prose, with its beginning, middle and end.

In a welter of multiple causation and multiple effect, where effect becomes cause and cause becomes effect, sentences and paragraphs are often a poor medium. And the words within them sometimes cannot explore, or convey, the semantics of space in a problem or solution. A training in the writing of essays is not altogether a handicap, but it does maintain a false confidence, even superiority, in both student and tutor.

Engineers occasionally are poor writers but, like mathematicians and economists, for example, they are inclined to recognize a system or process, tangible or intangible, deliberate or adventitious. Sometimes they can capture it with block diagrams and flow charts, graphs and Venn diagrams, matrices, algorithms, analogues and physical models.

This skill is useful not only in the scientific and engineering domain. It is important in a wide variety of the problems that beset those searching for success in a competitive environment. And even the words of these graduates can convey special meanings and insight between those who can use them – terms such as redundancy, protocol, dither, noise and variety. It is interesting that some of them – information, for example – are Shakespearian in their purity.

One of the many ways in which the good arts graduate does have strength, of course, is in countering reductionism. Complex situations do have to be reduced or modelled, in private as in public life, if decisions are to be taken. But there is danger where the process of reduction and simplification drives out those elements of untidiness and complexity that can invalidate the pure solution.

The good social sciences graduate, also, has special insights to contribute, quite outside his or her special field; the biologist too, because nature and ecology can provide an analogy for many situations. There is, however, a far more important "How do I know what I think, until I say what I think?" We are all aware of how often understanding is less than complete until the matter has been explained to another. And we know, also, how experimenting with words, or sketches or diagrams, can clear the mind and release the imagination in what a psychologist calls "the mediating response".

Skills in communication are in lock-step with analytical and creative quality. This is the second reason why they should be cultivated throughout a degree course, and not when it is over.

The cultivation should be broad. Those who cannot design and construct clear prose in appropriate language must learn to do so. But those who can handle *only* words must gain some familiarity with the symbolic and graphic language of others. Inevitably this broadens also the content of their education. If they have to extend their knowledge to include some examples of industrial and commercial problems and decision-taking, could they regret this later?

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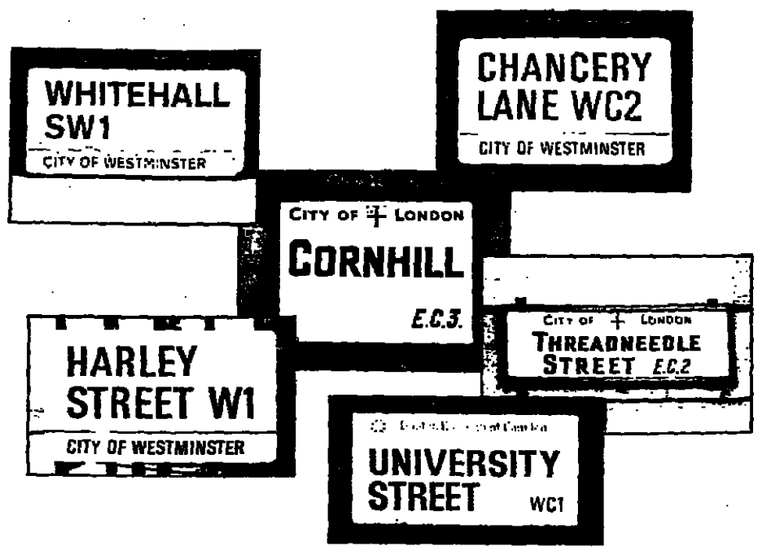
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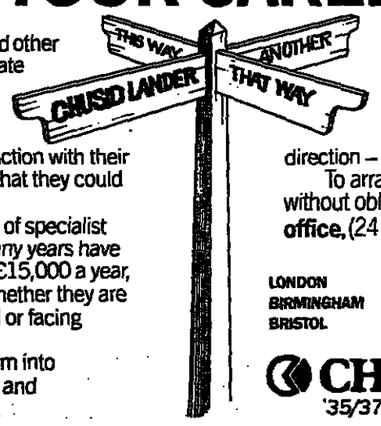
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A guide to career development

An open door to survival

Counsellors who specialize in finding jobs for redundant executives are busier than ever, and find ample use for their sympathetic powers, says Doreen King

The address is very, very good. The offices are elegant and discreet. The men who find themselves there, talking to consultant Ted Simpson, are likely to be angry, unhappy and uncertain about the future. One door has closed for them and they face perhaps weeks and months of knocking on others.

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Outplacement counsellors are career doctors for the walking wounded — the executives who, after perhaps 20 or 30 years with major companies, find themselves surplus to requirements, perhaps with a boss who wants his own team in placeafter a takeover.

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Why do companies provide the service? The answer is a combination of conscience and canny self-interest.

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When a man has been with a company throughout his career, perhaps having trained there as an apprentice, a humane management does feel a responsibility to help.

"Companies know the people below are watching when there's restructuring", explained Mr Simpson. "People want to see how the old-timers are taken care of. Outplacement is an investment in morale."

Sanders & Sidney say that 97 per cent of the executives they help find themselves new jobs, often within four months and at better salaries. The consultancy deal mainly with top men (in the UK, few women) in their 40s and 50s.

They will only handle people with realistic chances of re-employment. "If a man has been invalided out after his fifth heart attack, it's a pity but we know we can't help him. If there's a drinking problem we simply can't take the man on." However, should the problem be tackled and overcome, the outplacement programme could be activated later.

Outplacement starts, as far as the "terminated" executive is concerned, on the day of job termination. But for Sanders & Sidney, work has already started earlier.

It is the consultant's standard policy to insist the bad news is never given on a Friday and a Sanders & Sidney counsellor must be right there in an adjoining room to talk to the executive once he has heard it.

The man who has to do the firing often keeps putting off the unpleasant duty until the eleventh hour. Friday is the worst possible day for the man made redundant, with a whole weekend to brood and worry. Early in the working week is preferable — to provide a constructive bridge to the new circumstances.

According to Ted Simpson, however, there's never a right day for such bad news. He has had sacked executives confide to him that the day of the bullet was their birthday, their wedding anniversary or, tragically, the anniversary of a bereavement.

"Each of the counsellors here has been fired at one time or another", he said. "We do understand."

American-born Ted Simpson's previous career was with a leading advertising agency, both in the US and Europe, and with leading executive search companies.

Whatever the circumstances, he finds the dismissed person's reaction is invariably the same. "Shock", said Ted Simpson, "and when I say shock, I mean the classic symptoms of clinical shock: pallor, heavy breathing, dilated pupils, sometimes tears. Shock coupled with disbelief."

After the bad news, the rebuilding process starts. Simpson does not underrate the trauma that expulsion from the executive suite and the corporate welfare state can bring. The job has meant a luxurious lifestyle; the company has provided cars, health insurance, life assurance, club memberships, school fees. Financial institutions which provide their own staff with 2 per cent to 3 per cent mortgages often call them in when they let executives go.

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"Clients don't always realize that when a man leaves a company he walks out with everything he went in with. He's still the same person." Organizations, Simpson points out, often have a man doing what's good for them, not what's good and fulfilling for him.

Worries about age are the first to surface. "Please tell me I have a chance", is a frequent remark. "Who's going to want someone over 50?" is another.

The answer often is smaller companies, which pay nearly as much as the big names, sometimes more. Sanders & Sidney has seen men secure good new jobs in their late 50s and advisory work in their 60s, once confidence has been rebuilt.

The job search is planned, coherent and assisted by the counsellor who takes the role of coach, mentor and sounding-board. "They find themselves the jobs; we don't," is the policy. A man who may never have had to look for a job before benefits from coaching in interview techniques. Age can count for less than appearance — there are old 50s and young 50s, says Ted Simpson.

The consultancy provides a reduced rate membership at a nearby health club and encourages regular workouts to trim the silhouette, improve posture and morale. "It makes them look more alert, so they present better."

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One recent trend has been for outplaced executives to seek a small enterprise in which they can buy a working partnership. Security is one aspect; the unemployed person is less likely to be thrown out of his own business, but there is also a strong wish to own a piece of the action.

Despite current hype about the glories of entrepreneurship, the number of jobless managers who want to launch out on their own has dropped significantly.

"They're more cautious now than some years back", explained Ted Simpson. "They are reluctant to play roulette with their life savings and realize realistically if they're not entrepreneurial." The executive's overriding need, says Simpson, is to feel he is not on the scrapheap. However generous the golden handshake may be, the senior manager wants a new job more than anything else.

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TENNIS: NEW ROLE SHOULD SUIT AMRITRAJ

Star of Hollywood and India goes on set at Chiswick

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Vijay Amritraj, who will play for India against Sweden in next month's Davis Cup final, has been hired to represent Chiswick in the Mortgage Corporation national league competition. Teams will play six matches spread over three consecutive weekends from February 13 to 27. The semi-finals will be played on February 28, the final on April 16.

Every match will consist of three singles and two doubles. Teams are allowed to include one overseas player and the acquisition of Amritraj is quite a coup for Chiswick and their team manager, Paul Hutchins, who has been doing a similar job with Britain's national team since February, 1975. Hutchins has resigned from his full-time post with the Lawn Tennis Association and is at present handing over to Warren Jacques.

For its second year, the national league has been expanded from eight teams to 12. Chiswick, who will be based at the new Riverside sports and leisure club, are among four new teams. The others are Brentwood, Cardiff and Peterborough. They join Heston, Telford, Birmingham, Woking, Croydon, Manchester, Bournemouth and Middlesbrough (listed in the order in which they finished last year).

Amritraj, less than three weeks away from his 34th birthday, may find the one-set contests and showbusiness trappings of the national league more to his liking than the physical and emotional challenges of Davis Cup competition – from which he would retire if India had a competent younger partner for Ramesh Krishnan.

Amritraj lives in Los Angeles, where he and his brothers have a film production company. Occasionally he has acting roles in Hollywood-made movies or television films. Amritraj also travels the world as a businessman (something to do with selling electronic equipment) and merely fits in tennis where and when it suits him.

Amritraj has been competing in the Davis Cup competition since 1970 and has played at Wimbledon since 1972. In the summer of 1980 he ranked sixteenth in the world. He would be at or near the top of any popularity poll, partly because of the elegant facility of his service, volley and backhand and partly because he is an exemplary sportsman with a ready smile and considerable personal charm.

Amritraj sometimes has back trouble, is not as supple as he used to be and has lost much of his zest for severe competition. He has not much time to spare for it, anyway. But he wants to keep India in the Davis Cup's 16-nation first division. Krishnan has benefited from his example and advice and a few years ago Amritraj launched India's first tennis school, in his native Madras, and found a sponsor. Leading juniors are coached for nothing.

The main problem with Indian tennis is that well-to-do families regard the game as a recreation rather than a profession. Amritraj knows that it can be both – and is doing his best to get the message across.

Meantime he has soldiered on, beating more highly ranked players in the course of India's 1987 Davis Cup wins over Argentina, Israel and Australia. In the first of those ties he saved a match point in coming back from two sets and 0-3 down to beat Martin Jaite.

India have advanced to the final for the third time. Krishnan's father played for the 1966 team and by 1974 Amritraj was already a battle-hardened Davis Cup competitor. So Göteborg, from December 18 to 20, will raise special memories for the Indian singles players. After that, Chiswick. . .



Amritraj: charmer of the court

GYMNASTICS



Bench-mark: Ford shows off his trophy as only a gymnast can (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Ford, young master of sport

By Peter Aykroyd

A scholarship involving a month's training in the Soviet Union is the award for Simon Ford, who was announced yesterday as the Kraft Foods Gymnast of the Year for 1987. Aged 17 and a member of the Hendon club, Ford will travel next summer with his coach, Martin Ling, to train with experts.

Ford has been a leading junior international for four years and is likely to join the British senior squad in the near future. He has the advantage of all-round excellence. His favourite piece is the parallel bars but he also performs with marked success on the horizontal bar. He trains for 17 hours, spread over five days a week, making a long return trip from his home town of Walton on Thames to Hendon.

He began his career at the age of eight and advanced quickly at school and regional level. Four years ago he became a schoolboy international and travelled as far as Australia to compete for Britain. His steady progress was rewarded in 1986 when he captured the bronze medal in the London Open competition and reached the horizontal bar final in the World School Games at Nice.

This year Ford has competed against Yugoslavia, West Germany and Switzerland and was placed sixth in the junior British championship. In nearly a year from now he will have the chance of establishing himself against top national gymnasts in the senior British championships.

He hopes that his Soviet experiences will help to place him eventually among Britain's leading performers. Emma Goldman, the Kraft Girl Gymnast of the Year, will train in the United States.

SPORTS LETTERS

Club's concern over incidents

From the Chairman of Crystal Palace FC

Sir, With reference to press comment emanating from the Bournemouth v Crystal Palace game on November 7, I would like to make it clear that there is no video evidence to support criticism of police actions at the game. What is clearly evident is that certain individuals were in the crowd deliberately to cause chaos and disturbances, and unfortunately some innocent Palace fans found themselves unwillingly in the front line of crowd surges all premeditated and motivated deliberately from the rear.

Film evidence shows clearly the identities of those causing disturbances, some of whom are the subject of life bans from Selhurst Park and now travel to away matches as it is their only opportunity to create mayhem.

Crystal Palace's concern is for the genuine law-abiding supporter who may have been wrongfully arrested at Bournemouth with the perpetrators escaping scot free.

I should also say that almost all the reports that we have received from our supporters are severely critical of the excess violence used by the Bournemouth stewards rather than of police actions.

Yours faithfully,
R.G. NOADES,
Chairman, Crystal Palace Football and Athletic Club Ltd,
Selhurst Park, SE25.

Instant praise

From Mr N.J.D. Baptiste

Sir, Your cricket correspondent's views about the one-day cricket and the desirability of Test cricket not being "sacrificed on the altar of instant entertainment" (November 18) are rather typical of those who have never played limited-overs cricket.

Speaking as an over-forties cricketer who does play limited-overs cricket as well as the conventional format, having been brought up entirely on the conventional game, I have no doubt that the limited-overs version is a better game because the best team on the day always wins and the cricket will only survive in that form against the competition of other sports.

Indeed, it is incredible that any game, which relies for its financial support on a paying public demanding the very "instant entertainment" which Mr Woodcock derides, still persists with a playing format allowing a draw – in cricketing terms a no-result owing to lack of time for its completion because the weaker side not surprisingly plays negatively to avoid defeat.

The member of the Indian Board whom Mr Woodcock quotes as saying that Test cricket would have to be played in the future on a limited-overs basis was therefore only recognising the inevitable: that if cricket is to survive as a profitable public spectacle, which can pay the costs of its administration and professional players' salaries, it must have only three possible results within the time allowed – win, lose or tie. In this context Test matches of 100 overs per innings with a minimum of 15 overs per hour and limited-overs rules would make cricket fully competitive in spectator appeal with any other type of sport in the world while remaining close to the essential character of the game as perceived by Mr Woodcock's generation.

From my own humble club level of playing experience I would certainly consider that the limited-overs format produces higher playing standards – aggressive but not reckless batting, consistently accurate bowling and faultless, even aggressive, fielding. Above all it demands excellent instant judgement as one misjudgement, such as Gatting's reverse sweep in the World Cup final, can lose a close match.

Yours faithfully,
N.J.D. BAPTISTE,
23 Gladwin Road, SW15.

Missing delivery

From Mr Peter J. Wilson

Sir, It seemed to me that there was an error in the 33rd over of England's innings in the recent World Cup final against Australia. Waugh bowled to Lamb what was signalled a no-ball, which Lamb hit for four. However, only six actual deliveries were made by Waugh during that over according to the live television coverage.

If England are still entitled to another ball, could it please be another no-ball to give us a chance of the necessary runs.

Yours in hope,
PETER J. WILSON,
122 Northampton Road,
Kettering, Northamptonshire.

Private funding

From Mr Don Anthony

Sir, Ian Stafford's article (November 14) on sports sponsorship makes worrying reading.

If North America is taken as a model for private funding in sport we have misread the situation. No society spends more public money on sport than the USA. Private funding is the ice on the community pudding.

The outlook for British sport appears to be frantic grovelling to companies for sums of money which go against tax anyway.

Yours sincerely,
DON ANTHONY,
15 Elm Road,
Sidcup, Kent.

Olympic acclaim

From Mr J.L. Griggs

Sir, The next Olympic Games will soon be here. More and more athletes are taking part and to reach the final of any event is a considerable achievement. May I suggest therefore that all finalists – or the top six finishers where there is no final – be given some recognition and also be present at the medal ceremony.

At a national level it is a great honour to be able to represent our country. Surely all these participants should receive some acknowledgement, even it is only a framed certificate.

Yours,
J.L. GRIGGS,
53 The Street,
Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

Korean expense

From Mr Christopher Mulford

Sir, I have just read David Miller's "Commentary" from Seoul (November 18) and the following staggering statistics leave me to wonder how the Korean government and people can pay the £1,782,000,000 cost of the Olympics (and what they are going to do with all those stadiums and facilities after the Olympics) and, if 10,000 journalists are being prepared for, will we all be given a holiday from the media during the Olympics?

Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER MULFORD,
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SQUASH RACKETS

Nicolle continues to upset form

By Colin McQuillan

If recent matches in the American Express Premier League are anything to go by, next month's InterCity national championships at Bristol promise to be a highly combative affair.

Central Motors Leicester took over as leaders of the first division this week in defeating the reigning champions, Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill, 4-1, with Jason Nicolle dismissing Danny Meddings, 9-6, 9-4, 9-1.

Nicolle, aged 22 and seeded twelfth for Bristol, has made something of a habit this season of overturning established seniors. This time, in Meddings, he has dealt summarily with one of the country's most accomplished junior professionals.

More important for the Leicester player, two of the fancied men in his quarter at Bristol, Martin Bodimeade, seeded fourth, and Philip Whitlock, tenth, suffered in the league this week.

Bodimeade lost 9-6, 9-6, 9-4, at first string for Fin Simod Herts to Mark Maclean, of Jim Hall Sports Northern, the Scottish No. 1 who reached the last national final and again looks threatening, seeded at 11. Whitlock went down 9-7, 9-4, 9-2 to Del Harris, the British junior champion, who led James Capel Ardleigh to victory over Castlemaine Weston.

Bryan Beeson, the second string for InterCity Cannons, who beat Maclean for the last national title and is seeded third this year, lost to Stuart Hailstone, the former South African now registered for Scotland and playing for Village Leisure. Neil Harvey, top seed for the nationals, rescued Cannons by outplaying Gawain Briars, the former national champion, 9-6, 9-5, 9-5 in 46 minutes.

RESULTS: Jim Hall Sports Northern 3, Fin Simod Herts 2; James Capel Ardleigh 3, Castlemaine Weston 2; InterCity Cannons 3, Village Leisure 2; Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill 1, Central Motors Leicester 4.

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Northern	5	2	3	16
Weston	6	0	6	11
Dunnings Mill	5	1	4	9
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GOLF

Chance for Norman to go clear

Melbourne (AFP) – Greg Norman is hoping to regain his ranking as the world No. 1 by winning the Australian Open, which starts today.

Norman has dropped to second, behind Severiano Ballesteros, in the latest rankings announced by the R and A. But the Spaniard, on 1,158 points, has only a seven-point lead over the Australian.

Norman might reign in his normal attacking style at Royal Melbourne, where the greens are lightning fast. He said: "If you don't get on the right side of the fairway here you've got no way of getting near the flag."

● JOHANNESBURG: Nick Faldo, the Open champion, Ian Woosnam, the leading European money-winner, Bernhard Langer, of West Germany, and the Americans, Curtis Strange and Lanny Wadkins, head the field for the Million Dollar Challenge in Sun City next week (Reuter reports). José-Maria Olazábal, Mark McNulty and David Frost complete the line-up for a tournament in which, for the first time, the winner will walk off with the entire prize fund of £562,000.

FISHING

Two that must not get off the hook

By Conrad Voss Bark

Some splendid fishing books have been published this year and they include two welcome reissues: *Fishing the Dry Fly*, by Dermott Wilson, is out in a third and expanded edition (Unwin, £12.95). For salmon fishermen, John Ashley-Cooper's *The Great Salmon Rivers of Scotland* comes in the second and revised edition (Witherby, £16.95). No fishing library is complete without these two volumes and Christmas is the time to buy them.

Witherby have also brought out a limited edition, signed by Hugh Falkus, of *The Sea Trout*, a delightful short story, not more than 20 pages, with four wood engravings by Christopher Wormell, a lure for book collectors at £16.

And again Witherby, this time with an interesting new book, *Deep Fishing in Rivers*, by Malcolm Greenhalgh (£12.95), covering both wet and dry fly fishing, with a northern accent but applicable to the southern streams as well.

Ken Sutton, of *Angling Times* and the Anglers' Co-operative Association, has written a charming autobiography, *Travels With an Angle* (Boydell, £10.95). *Imitations of the Trout's World*, mostly about reservoirs, by Bob Church and Peter Gathercole, is issued by Crowood Press at £9.95. Also some useful pocket guides to the Lake District, Lancashire and Yorkshire fishing, published at £2.50 each by the *Westmorland Gazette* from Stricklandgate, Kendal.

A detailed and admirable book on fly dressing in America by Darrel Martin, *Fly Dressing Methods*, comes from David and Charles (£16).

Dismissal

In re Walker's application

Before Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment November 24]

The decision of a health authority to suspend operating immediately on a baby with a hole in his heart was not a matter for judicial review.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when it dismissed an application for judicial review by Mrs Diane Linda Walker, the mother of the baby against the decision of the respondent, the Central Birmingham Health Authority, made on or about October 20, 1987, to postpone carrying out an operation and for failing to provide proper care.

Mr Rembert Demello for Mrs Walker; Mr Edward Bailey for the health authority.

MR JUSTICE MACPHERSON said that the operation was postponed on five previous occasions because of the lack of specially trained nurses and accompanying facilities which did not allow the expansion of the intensive care unit.

It had to be stressed firmly that the baby was at no risk at present and was in fact being treated and cared for with the fullest medical attention. Other more urgent cases had to be dealt with, and there was a shortage of the human and perhaps also physical facilities.

In those circumstances, it was in his Lordship's view impossible to say that there was in the respondents' decision anything illegal, nor was there any procedural defect or any such unreasonableness to the point of irrationality.

The fact that the decision was unfortunate and distressing in human terms could not lead to a conclusion that the court should interfere in such a case.

In his Lordship's opinion, it seemed that the present case was not an actual attack upon the respondents' decision but a general criticism of the health service and of those who provided the facilities. Those were questions which were of enormous public interest and concern but they were questions to be dealt with outside the courts.

His Lordship emphasized that everybody sympathized with all those involved and hoped the matter would soon be resolved, but the court would not compel the respondent to carry out the operation and to provide proper care in the light of the circumstances which this case revealed.

His Lordship added that he deprecated any suggestion that patients should be encouraged to think the court had a role in such cases.

The court would do a great dis-service to those who had to work in such difficult circumstances if it would contemplate making an order. There was no prospects of success to be found upon the facts or in law; and accordingly the application had to be dismissed.

Solicitors: Rust & Co, Birmingham; Mr I. J. F. Paterson, Birmingham.

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Power to review health authorities

In re Walker's application

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Nicholls and Mr Justice Caulfield

[Judgment November 25]

Although the court had jurisdiction, it would not in all the circumstances of the case grant a parent leave to apply for judicial review of a health authority's decision postponing a heart operation required by her baby son.

The Court of Appeal so held refusing a renewed application from the refusal of Mr Justice Macpherson (*The Times* November 26) for leave to apply for judicial review brought by Mrs Diane Linda Walker of a decision of the Central Birmingham Health Authority postponing an operation required by her son.

Mr Leslie Joseph, QC and Mr Rembert Demello for Mrs Walker; Mr Edward Bailey for the health authority.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the application was made in the context of well-known facts, namely the inability of the health authority to treat Mrs Walker's child, the treatment being by way of operation.

It had been accepted by the health authority that the National Health Service authorities and the Secretary of State for Social Services were amenable to judicial review where there was reason to believe they might be in breach of their public-law duties.

According to Mr Bailey there would always be in organizations like the NHS patients who were concerned that treatment was not provided as quickly as possible, but the financial resources were finite and always would be.

His Lordship said that it was not for the court to interfere and substitute its own judgment for that of those responsible for the allocation of resources. It would only interfere if there had been a failure to allocate funds in a way which was "unreasonable" in the *Wednesbury* sense. ([1948] 1 KB 223) or where there were breaches of public-law duties.

Even then the court had to exercise a judicial discretion and would take account of all the circumstances of the case.

In the present case it seemed to his Lordship that, taking account of all the facts, it would be inappropriate for the court to give leave to apply for judicial review.

Other circumstances might arise where it would be appropriate, but if the court did entertain an application further resources would be expended by the NHS in meeting the complaints. There was therefore a very delicate balance to be struck.

His Lordship emphasized that the jurisdiction did exist but was to be exercised very sparingly. He would accordingly refuse leave.

Lord Justice Nicholls and Mr Justice Caulfield agreed.

Solicitors: Rust & Co, Birmingham; Mr I. J. F. Paterson, Birmingham.

Meaning of arbitration clause

Naviera Amazonica Peruana SA v Compania Internacional de Seguros del Peru

Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Russell and Sir Denys Buckley

[Judgment November 10]

A hull policy of insurance covering vessels against marine risks under various American and other institute clauses and carrying the terms that judicial disputes would be under "the jurisdiction and competence of the city of Lima" and that any arbitration was to be "under the conditions and laws of London", meant that the seat of arbitration should be London.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Naviera Amazonica Peruana SA, the shipowners, from an order dated August 4, 1986, of Mr A. E. J. Diamond, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division.

On an originating summons by the shipowners against the defendants, Compania Internacional de Seguros del Peru, the insurers, the deputy judge had held that although the insurance policy dated September 20, 1982, with subsequent indorsements, contained a London arbitration clause in the sense that any arbitration under it was to be governed by English law, such arbitration was to be held in Lima.

Mr Peter Gross for the shipowners; Mr Iain Milligan for the insurers.

LORD JUSTICE KERR said that the case arose out of a dispute between a Peruvian insurance company and a Peruvian shipowner under a hull policy covering four vessels classed with different classification societies in America, Europe and Japan. The policy dated September 20, 1982, insured the vessels against marine risks under various American and other institute clauses and certain printed general conditions. The premiums were stated in US dollars.

The terms of the cover were varied by an indorsement dated October 18, 1982. Of the printed "General Conditions" article 1 provided that in the event of any conflict between the printed and typed stipulations, the latter were to prevail. Article 31 provided that whatever the domicile of the insured, in the event of judicial dispute the insured accepted "the jurisdiction and competence of the city of Lima, without any reservation of any nature".

Coming to the subsequent indorsement, paragraph 1(1) provided that "the English clauses shall prevail over the general conditions printed in the policy". Then there followed the words, "Arbitration under the conditions and laws of London".

For the state of jurisprudence on the topic the court was referred to *L. Oppenheim & Co v Mahomed Haneef* ([1922] 1 AC 482, 487); *Whitworth Street Estates (Manchester) Ltd v James Miller & Partners Ltd* ([1970] AC 583) in particular *per* Lord Wilberforce at pp616-617; *Black Clawson International Ltd v Papierwerke Waldhof-Aschaffenburg AG* ([1981] 2 Lloyd's Rep 446) *per* Mr Justice Mustill at p453, and leading textbooks.

From those authorities the following points emerged:

First, all contracts which provided for arbitration and contained a foreign element might involve three potentially relevant systems of law: the law governing – (1) the substantive contract, (2) the agreement to arbitrate and the performance of that agreement and (3) the conduct of arbitration. Here, the entire issue turned on point (3). That was usually referred to as the curial or procedural law or the *lex fori*.

Second, English law did not recognize the concept of a "de-localized" arbitration: see *Dicey & Morris, The Conflict of Laws* (11th edition (1987) vol 1, pp541-542); or of "arbitral procedures floating in the transnational firmament, unconnected with any municipal system of law": see *Bank Mellat v Helliniki Techniki S.A* ([1984] QB 291, 301). Accordingly, every arbitration had to have a seat or *locus arbitri* or forum which subjected its procedural rules to the municipal law which was there in force. That was point (3) above.

Third, where the parties had failed to choose the law governing the arbitration proceedings, those proceedings had to be considered as being governed by the law of the country in which the arbitration was held: *Dicey & Morris* (vol 1, p539). *Prima facie* therefore the forum of any arbitration which might arise under the present policy was London.

Fourth, there was no reason in principle which precluded parties to agree that an arbitration should be held at a place or in a country X but subject to the procedural laws of Y. The limits and implications of any such agreement had been much discussed in the literature, but apart from the decision in the instant case there appeared to be no reported case where that had happened. Under the principles of English law, which rested on the territorially limited jurisdiction of the courts, an agreement to arbitrate in X subject to English procedural law would not empower the English courts to exercise jurisdiction over the arbitration in X.

Against that background it was clear that the judge's conclusion was unlikely to be right because it produced a highly complex and possibly unworkable result which the parties could hardly have intended.

The judge relied on three matters but his Lordship could not agree that any of them, singly or in combination, justified his conclusion.

First, he placed considerable weight on article 31 of the printed conditions. As shown in particular by the word "judicial" that was a jurisdiction clause submitting any dispute to the appropriate court in the city of Lima. It could not co-exist with the typed arbitration clause in the subsequent indorsement.

Second, the judge contrasted the clause in the indorsement which provided for the settlement of average or claims "in London" with the arbitration clause which referred to arbitration under the conditions and laws "of London". Any businessman would say that the phrase "arbitration according to the conditions and laws of London" obviously meant that the arbitration was to be held in London not by the implication of some additional term, which the judge rejected, but simply by giving to those words their ordinary commercial meaning.

Third, and mainly, the judge relied on the subject matter and language of the contract, and the nationality of the parties, in support of the indications in favour of Lima which he found in the other two points.

But those general aspects could not prevail against that explicit London arbitration clause. Moreover, that was a marine policy between insurers and shipowners who clearly operated internationally. In such circumstances there was nothing surprising in concluding that those parties intended that any dispute under the policy should be arbitrated in London.

There was, thus, no doubt that the correct interpretation of the policy was that the seat of any arbitration should be London and that that was the effect of the declaration claimed by the shipowners.

Lord Justice Russell and Sir Denys Buckley agreed.

Solicitors: Ince & Co; Hill Dickinson & Co.

Damages for loss of dependency

Abrams v Cook

Where, in an action for loss of dependency under the Fatal Accidents Act 1976, a disabled person sought damages in respect of loss of care and attendance which had been furnished to her by the deceased, her husband, the quantum of damages was to be assessed broadly on the evidence as a whole, even if the quantum so assessed exceeded the cost of employing a nurse or housekeeper to provide such care and attendance.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Nourse) so held on November 18, substantially dismissing an appeal by the defendant against the quantum of damages for loss of dependency awarded to the plaintiff.

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RACING: WILKINSON'S CHASER HAS CONDITIONS IN HIS FAVOUR

Hardy Lad will relish demands of long-distance Haydock test

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Hardy Lad, who won the Scottish National over four miles at Ayr two years ago, is my selection to land the HLH Timber Handicap Chase over the same distance at Haydock Park today.

At Newcastle recently he looked like winning a similar, but shorter, race when he headed the eventual winner Handy Trick, only to misjudge the fourth last fence and fall.

What was significant about that race in relation to today's was that Hardy Lad was going much better than Jimbrook when he fell.

With the Welsh National winner, Stearsby, standing his ground, Blackhawk Star, the winner of the corresponding race 12 months ago, must now carry 17lb more than he was allotted in the long handicap.

In the circumstances he appears to have an impossible task, as does Clonroche Gazette, who has 34lb more on his plate than his official rating.

As for Stearsby, he would pose a big threat to Hardy Lad at his best. While that run behind Kildimo and company at Cheltenham 13 days ago will have brought him on after his summer's rest I still just prefer Hardy Lad at a difference of 21lb.

Today's nap though is **Rapier Thrust** to win the Coral Golden Hurdle Qualifier.

I thought there was much to like about the way he won his first race of the season at Wetherby from Masnoon, who had already been successful, and Nos Na Gaoithe, who gave the form another boost when he won a valuable hurdle at Leicester last Monday.

Watching Rapier Thrust at Wetherby it was easy to understand why he had been so successful when racing over considerably farther than two miles in the spring.

Stamina is clearly his strong suit and he won only because he was capable of outstaying his rivals over the minimum distance. Today's race, over 2¾ miles, will draw on those reserves.

Sporting Mariner, King's College Boy, Green Steps and Bollin Palace will all provide stern opposition, but I think Rapier Thrust should prove capable of dealing with them from off his present mark.

Daffodil, who has won six times over hurdles already this season, can continue the good work in the Northern Junior Hurdle now that she will be getting 5lb from Combermere.

Dad's Gamble, the runaway winner of a novices' chase at Newbury three weeks ago, appears to have the Vaux Breweries Novices' Chase qualifier at his mercy.

Molojec and Observer Corps are interesting recruits from the world of hurdling going chasing today at Ludlow, where the more experienced Woodgate is the one they have to beat in the Sidney Phillips Novices' Chase.

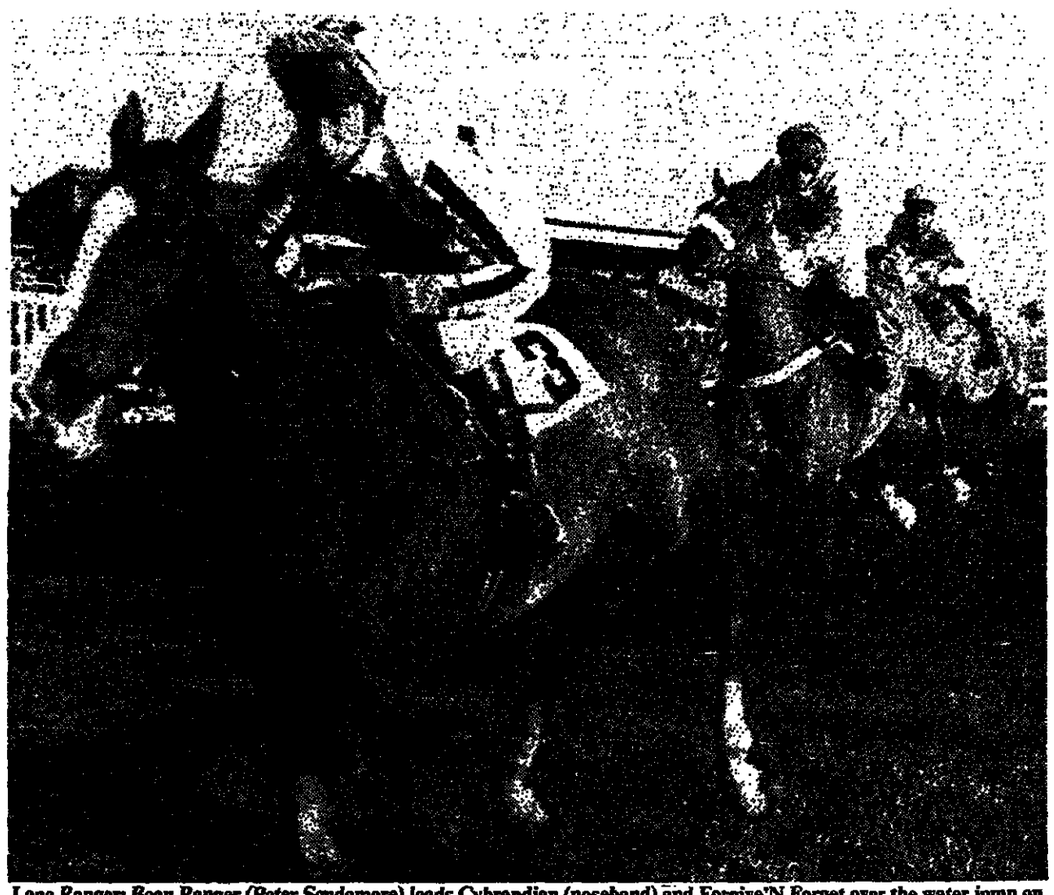
Observer Corps looked in good form at Worcester eight days ago but I still side with Molojec, whose most recent run at Cheltenham in the race won by Beech Road caught my eye.

At Wincanton, I give **Imperial Champagne** a good chance of winning the Lord Stalbridge Memorial Gold Cup Handicap Chase on the strength of that excellent effort against Sun Rising at the last meeting. Sun Rising has won again at Ascot in the meantime.

Unfortunately, Imperial Champagne blotted his copy book at Taunton afterwards, when he got no further than the first fence in a race for which he was hot favourite. At least he was spared a hard race by that mishap.

Santopadre will be a tough nut to crack in the Wessex Handicap Hurdle if he runs as well as he did in most of his races last season, most notably the Swinton Insurance Brokers Hurdle at Haydock, where he was beaten only a short head by Inlander.

At Newcastle recently he looked a bit ring-rusty when only fifth to Floyd in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle, but that should have sharpened him up sufficiently to take care of Musical Mystery here.



Lone Ranger: Beau Ranger (Peter Scudamore) leads Cybrandian (noseband) and Forgive'N Forget over the water jump on his way to a front-running 20-length success in the Edward Hanmer Memorial Handicap Chase at Haydock Park yesterday

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections
By Mandarin

1.00 Formula One.
1.30 Dad's Gamble.
2.00 Daffodil.
2.30 Hardy Lad.
3.00 Travelowen.
3.30 RAPIER THRUST (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 DAFFODIL.

Going: soft

1.0 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,530: 2m) (9 runners)

2	234-44	ALASKA RUN 15 (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 5-11-0	R Dunwoody	85
5	112F-24	AUTUMN SPORT 28 (BF,F,G) (C Jenkins) J Edwards 5-11-0	C Grant	● 99
6	0/4-	BALLINAGORE GAA 247 (R Fawns) J J O'Neill 6-11-0	G Lyons (7)	—
9		CORBURN (Mrs J Straker) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0	M Dwyer	—
11	2	FORMULA ONE 20 (Mrs W Sykes) Mrs W Sykes 5-11-0	C Cox	93
14	21D00-	HOTPLATE 236 (W W Bellamy Ltd) D McCain 4-11-0	G Bradley	94
16	11	MOLE BOARD 41 (F,S) (R Macauley) D O'Neill 5-11-0	S Cowley	—
17	400	PALS GALORE 14 (J Singleton) D McCain 5-11-0	N Doughty	84
25	0-0	HAVRIN PRINCESS 20 (K Warner) B McMahon 4-10-9	T Wall	—

BETTING: 9-4 Formula One, 5-2 Autumn Sport, 5-1 Mole Board, 11-2 Alaska Run, 10-1 Corburn, 14-1 Hotplate, 16-1 Ballinagore Gaa, 20-1 others.

1986: RAPIER THRUST 4-11-10 M Dwyer (11-10 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 12 ran

FORM ALASKA RUN (11-0) 29l 4th to Vagador (11-0) at Newbury (2m, £1568, soft, Nov 11, 16 ran).
AUTUMN SPORT, beaten when odds-on at Southwell, has definite claims on ½l Cheltenham 2nd (11-1) to Tebtao (11-4) (2m, £1688, good to soft, Oct 21, 18 ran).
FORMULA ONE should improve on a 2½l Bangor 2nd (11-0) to Merry Junior (11-0) (2m 80yd, £850, soft, Nov 6, 17 ran).
HOTPLATE, well beaten in much better company final start, was disqualified when his jockey failed to weighed in at the correct weight after his easy 7l Sedgefield victory (10-12) over Albert The Great (10-12) (2m, £548, good, Dec 26, 5 ran).
MOLE BOARD winner of two NH Flat races; latest (11-9) won by 2½l from Fish Quay (11-1) on heavy ground at Market Rasen (2m, £1153, Oct 16, 11 ran).
Selection: HOTPLATE

1.30 VAUX BREWERIES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,572: 3m) (5 runners)

1	12200-1	DAD'S GAMBLE 22 (G,S) (R Gilder) J Gifford 5-11-8	R Rowe	● 99
2	110F/4F	GLEN LOCHAN 26 (F,G,S) (Lady Cadogan) N Crump 7-11-0	C Hawkins	55
3	40240/0	HOUSE OF LORDS 26 (J Gillow) Mrs W Sykes 8-11-0	C Cox	—
4	1020/08	IL CASTAGNO 28 (G,S) (G Wragg) D L Williams 7-11-0	C Mann	—
6	00-4P	GILLOUGUE LOUGH 3 (Lord Vestey) D Nicholson 6-10-9	R Dunwoody	—

BETTING: 2-7 Dad's Gamble, 9-2 Glen Lochan, 10-1 Il Castagno, 14-1 Gillogue Lough, 25-1 House of Lords.

1986: MR FRISK 7-11-8 A Jones (2-1) K Bailey 7 ran

FORM DAD'S GAMBLE (11-0) a 20l Newbury winner over Button Your Lip (11-0) (2m 4f, £2532, good, Nov 4, 10 ran).
GLEN LOCHAN, a 10th fence faller at Wetherby, had been beaten 26l (11-7) when 4th to Bobby Burns (11-7) at Kelso (2m 6f, £1247, good, Oct 17, 15 ran).
HOUSE OF LORDS (11-0) was leading approaching the last at Worcester but weakened very quickly to finish 27l adrift of Lordy Boy (11-0) (2m, £1493, soft, Oct 31, 13 ran).
Selection: DAD'S GAMBLE

2.0 NORTHERN JUNIOR HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,253: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

1	02311	COMBERMERE 29 (G,S) (J Joseph) R Frost 11-0	J Frost	92
3	P	BOMMING AROUND 5 (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 10-10	J O'Gorman (7)	—
4	P04	COOL REBEL 50 (Mrs I Bell) Miss M Bell 10-10	B Storey	—
8	0	HUNTER'S LEAP 20 (J Lisman) G Moore 10-10	M Hammond	—
7	03	KONRAD WOLF 6 (Mrs N Clarke) R Hollinshead 10-10	R Dunwoody	95
9	2110	OXFORD PLACE 15 (BF,G,S) (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 10-10	C Grant	89
11	1F1211	DAFFODIL 12 (F,G,S) (Mrs Y Sviter) Mrs S Oliver 10-9	R Hyett	● 98

BETTING: 11-8 Daffodil, 15-8 Combermere, 6-1 Oxford Place, 10-1 Konrad Wolf, 16-1 Hunter's Leap, 20-1 Cool Rebel, 33-1 Bomming Around.

1986: MELENDEZ 11-0 J Lower (8-15 fav) M Pipe 8 ran

FORM COMBERMERE (11-3) made most and drew 6l clear of Wingspan (11-0) at Ascot (2m, £2376, good, Oct 28, 17 ran).
OXFORD PLACE, 6th to 20l winner Goodwyns Lad last time; previously (11-0) came with smooth run from 4 out to beat Lord Tenderfoot (11-0) 5l at Carlisle (2m 1f 110y, £685, good to soft, Sep 28, 12 ran) with COOL REBEL (11-0) 39l back in 5th.
KONRAD WOLF (10-12) kept on in the straight to finish 13l 3rd to Goodwyns Lad (11-5) at Nottingham (2m, £3145, soft, Nov 20, 17 ran).
DAFFODIL'S Cheltenham (11-1) (2m, £3252, soft, Nov 14, 7 ran) length beating of South Parade (10-12) puts her amongst the top five juveniles seen out so far.
Selection: DAFFODIL

WINCANTON

Selections
By Mandarin

12.45 Dawn Prince.
1.15 Pucks Place.
1.45 Santopadre.
2.15 Imperial Champagne.
2.45 Jimmy Edwards.
3.15 Strong Gold.

Michael Seely's selection: 1.45 MUSICAL MYSTERY (nap).

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 6-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 — G West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good

12.45 YOUNG FARMERS NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,020: 2m) (21 runners)

1	0	DANCING BARRON 16 (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 5-10-8	R Millman	—
2	02F-04	DAWN PRINCE 8 (Unity Farm Holidays) P Hobbs 4-10-8	P Hobbs	94
3	10-	ESHA NESS 237 (G) (Elisha Holding) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-8	M Pitman	—
4	4F	EVER HOPEFUL 27 (M Padfield) D Barons 5-10-8	M Perrett	81
5	2U	FACTOTUM 21 (BF) (D Stone) R Akehurst 4-10-8	Dale McKeown (4)	97
6	09/P0P-P	FAIDROS 3 (Mac's Garage Ltd) J Old 6-10-8	P Richards	—
7	0	FRESH'N'LO LAD 29 (P De Wilde) A Turnell 5-10-8	Steve Knight	—
8	0	GROVELANDS 225 (P Smith) R Curtis 5-10-8	R Goldstein	—
9	0	GROVELANDS 225 (P Smith) R Curtis 5-10-8	Miss S Lawrence	● 99
10	2	HYMN OF HARLECH 14 (Mrs C Wilkins) D Elsworth 4-10-8	S Smith Eccles	88
12	.04P04-0	LLANARMON 14 (F McAlpine) N Henderson 4-10-8	S Earle	—
14	30	MANCHESTERSKYTRAIN 82 (P Bowditch) K Bishop 8-10-8	S Sherwood	—
16	00	MR MOSS 30 (Mrs A Richards) H O'Neill 4-10-8	R J Beggan	—
19		REYNOLD'S CHOICE (G F Reynolds & Co) S Christian 8-10-8	B Powell	—
20	54-	SMARTIE EXPRESS 190 (S Norman) R Hodges 5-10-8	J Brown (7)	—
22	00/P-	STORMCHASER 220 (Mrs L Beasley) H Beasley 6-10-8	H Davies	—
24	0-8	THE GUGNUNC 26 (M Heaton) A J Wilson 5-10-8	—	89
25	000P-	TOWN JESTER 251 (Mrs E Illes) A Denson 4-10-8	P Scudamore	98
27	004-0	WOLFHANGAR 22 (BF) (Mrs B Samuel) F Winter 5-10-8	S Earle	—
29	00-	CHATTY LASS 220 (P Beaham-Powell) K Bishop 5-10-8	—	—
30		MISTRESS CHARLEY (E Hausdorff) S Harris 4-10-3	I Shoemark (7)	—
31	0-01P	WIN THE MATCH 48 (F) (B Trueman) Miss B Sanders 4-10-3	—	—

BETTING: 5-2 Factotum, 4-1 Dawn Prince, 9-2 Wolfhangar, 5-1 Hymn Of Harlech, 10-1 Llanarmon, 14-1 Ever Hopeful, Esha Ness, 20-1 Fresh 'N'Lo Lad, 25-1 others.

1986: SPRING PHILTRE 4-9-10 P Holley (16-1) D Elsworth 16 ran

1.15 CERNE ABBAS NOVICES CHASE (£1,561: 2m 5f) (20 runners)

1	04-U112	PUCKS PLACE 19 (BF,G) (J Bellrage) N Gaselee 6-11-10	P Scudamore	85
4	0/114-12	MAJESTIC BUCK 12 (F,S) (D Peake) S Christian 7-11-7	R J Beggan	● 99
5	0022-00	ALEDAN 7 (L Ames) A Turnell 6-11-2	Steve Knight	91
6	400F	ARTFUL FELLA 13 (S) (P Rodford) P Rodford 9-11-2	L Harvey	—
7	010-FF	BEECH GROVE 15 (S) (Mrs L Hillard) T Forster 8-11-2	B Powell	—
8	00002-3	BEE GARDEN 19 (G) (M Morley) P Bailey 8-11-2	Miss H Handel	76
9	010/PP4	BRENDON PRINCE 17 (S) (H Handel) Miss H Handel 8-11-2	B Wright	—
10	00FB00	BYRNES GROVE 19 (S) (G Stickland) G Stickland 8-11-2	—	76
15	P0-PU4B	GREY TORNADO 7 (D Short) T Keenor 6-11-2	—	—
17	P000-00	KINGTOR 12 (BF,S) (SPS Limited) D Barons 6-11-2	A Jones	—
18	03130-P	KOOL LOOK 7 (F,S) (R Whitaker) W G M Turner 8-11-2	H Davies	—
21	F000I3-	NIALAN 206 (G,S) (N de Savary) T Forster 7-11-2	S Sherwood	—
22	1123-UR	POLLEN BEE 13 (G,S) (Mrs L Dresher) O Sherwood 6-11-2	Mr A Tory (7)	—
23	0/U	RHYME 13 (P Tory) P Tory 7-11-2	M Perrett	—
24		SCALLYFARE (P Barber) J Old 6-11-2	K Mooney	—
27	0P-0	SUNSHINE SAM 34 (The Lady Vestey) T Forster 7-11-2	Mr J Berry (7)	—
28	0P0P/	TUDOR MARK 566 (C Luxton) C Luxton 8-11-2	G Landau	—
29	00P0-0U	KING KAS 6 (Meurian Ltd) D Gandolfo 5-11-0	M Williams	81
30	13FB10	ROSA RULER 33 (F) (R Berry) I Wardle 9-10-11	P Hobbs	—
31	00	CELTIC LACE 42 (Capt E Edwards-Heathcote) P Hobbs 5-10-9	—	—

BETTING: 13-8 Majestic Buck, 7-2 Pucks Place, 6-1 Pollen Bee, 8-1 Nialan, 12-1 Aledan, 16-1 Kingtor, Rosa Ruler, 20-1 Beech Grove, 25-1 others.

1986: AHERLOW 6-11-2 R Beggan (2-1 jt-fav) S Christian 20 ran

2.30 HLH TIMBER HANDICAP CHASE (£3,687: 4m) (5 runners)

1	1120P-0	STEARSBY 13 (G,S) (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-7	G McCourt	94
4	0/114-0F	HARDY LAD 12 (C,G,S) (Mrs J Milligan) B Wilkinson 10-10-0	M Hammond	● 99
5	1P2-F43	JIMBROOK 12 (B,G,S) (Mrs M Nowell) M H Easterby 10-10-0	L Wyer	91
7	111-03F	BLACKHAWK STAR 20 (CD,F,G,S) (W Stuart Wilson) K Oliver 13-10-0	R Dunwoody	73
9	22U-202	CLONROCHE GAZETTE 10 (BF) (A Green) Miss M Bell 7-10-0	C Grant	60

BETTING: 11-10 Stearsby, 2-1 Hardy Lad, 7-2 Jimbrook, 12-1 Blackhawk Star, 33-1 Clonroche Gazette.

1986: BLACKHAWK STAR 12-10-0 J Kinane (4-1) K Oliver 7 ran

FORM STEARSBY (11-13), will strip fitter for reappearance, 8th to Kildimo (11-9) at Cheltenham (3m, soft); victories last season included (11-5) a smooth 6l defeat of Macoliver (10-0) at Chepstow (3m 6f, £21136, soft, Dec 20, 17 ran) with JIMBROOK (10-12) another ½l away in 3rd.
JIMBROOK (11-9) stayed on from two out when 18l 3rd to Handy Trick (10-8) at Newcastle (3m, £3590, good to soft, Nov 14, 5 ran) with HARDY LAD (11-10) still in contention when a sixteenth fence faller.
HARDY LAD (11-13) better judged on a 2l defeat of The Last Prince (10-5) at Newcastle (3m, £2260, good, Mar 21, 10 ran).
BLACKHAWK STAR has been below best this season - better of three efforts when (11-10) 12l 3rd to Oaken (10-12) at Kelso (3m, £2284, good, Oct 17, 4 ran).
Selection: JIMBROOK

3.0 RAINFORD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,288: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

3	433244	TRAVELOWEN 12 (D,F,G,S) (P Pitter) W A Stephenson 10-11-9	A Merrigan	97
5	240R-0F	RICHDEE 26 (D,G,S) (Miss D Dalzell) N Crump 11-10-8	D Cassey (5)	—
6	33F403-	KAMIR 184 (D,F,G,S) (F Brown) K Morgan 7-10-6	J Osborne	● 99
7	22104-F	PATRICK'S FAIR 9 (D,F,G,S) (W Sistar) R Peacock 11-10-6	P Miller (5)	97

BETTING: 5-4 Travelowen, 9-4 Patrick's Fair, 11-4 Kamir, 9-2 Richdee.

1986: WITHY BANK 4-10-4 R Marley (9-4 fav) M H Easterby 19 ran

FORM TRAVELOWEN (11-5) below form when 11½l 4th to Raise An Argument (11-2) at Newcastle (2m 4f, good to soft) - better judged (12-7) on an earlier neck 2nd to Trailing Rose (10-0) at Sedgefield (2m 4f, £1991, soft, Oct 20, 6 ran).
RICHDEE is not the force he was - last showed best when (10-2) a creditable 1½l 2nd to Centre Attraction (10-2) at Wetherby (2m 4f 100yd, £3785, good to soft, Dec 26, 7 ran).
KAMIR (10-0) last showed best when 19½l 5th to Bright Oassis (10-5) at Stratford (2m 6f, £3267, good to firm, May 15, 7 ran).
PATRICK'S FAIR was a first fence faller at Southwell (2m 74yd) on reappearance; best judged on a (11-2) 1½l beating of Woodland View (10-11) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £2122, good, Feb 23, 16 ran).
Selection: RICHDEE

3.30 CORAL GOLDEN HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier: £3,027: 2m 6f) (17 runners)

1	230/0F0-	KRISTENSON 232 (F,G,S) (J Coward) R Fisher 10-11-10	R Hodge (7)	—
2	142220-	SPORTING MARINER 225 (D,G,S) (Craydale Ltd) M Pipe 5-11-9	J Lower	98
5	00211-1	RAPIER THRUST 26 (C,F,G,S) (R White) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-1	M Dwyer	94
6	210422-	LONGGHURST 215 (B,G,S) (M Peters) M Pipe 4-11-1	P Tuck	85
7	0/110F-2	KING'S COLLEGE BOY 15 (CD,G,S) (H Thomson) Mrs M Dickinson 9-11-0	G Bradley	● 99
8	32-2F00	ISHKOMANN 26 (F,G,S) (J Spearing) J Spearing 8-10-10	N Doughty	—
9	11F-	GREEN STEPS 225 (G,S) (Lady Anne Bernard) J Glover 5-10-7	S Johnson	92
10	0022/1-0	BOLLIN PALACE 27 (G,S) (N Westbrook) M H Easterby 5-10-6	L Wyer	90
11	4140-00	AGATHIST 19 (S) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 4-10-3	R Dunwoody	94
13	00101/	BLYTHE KNIGHT 684 (S) (Needhams Butchers) E Carter 6-10-1	M Pepper	—
14	000121-	QUARRY MACHINE 190 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Brain) J Edwards 6-10-1	C Grant	89
15	0003F-0	HALF BROTHER 13 (S) (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-1	G McCourt	95
16	10-0000	HARBOUR BAZAAR 10 (G,S) (T Caldwell) T Caldwell 7-10-0	Peter Caldwell (7)	92
19	10/	TRICKSHOT 705 (V,S) (R Dowsett) C Tinkler 8-10-0	M Hammond	—
23	0223-31	THE BAKEWELL BOY 29 (G) (N Lake) R Frost 6-10-0	J Frost	80
24	0002P/4	HERE'S WHY 14 (C,S) (Miss J Davenport) Mrs N Sharpe 10-10-0	A Sharpe	—
29	0/0041-0	JOHNSTON'S BABY 20 (V,S) (F McKevitt) E Alston 8-10-0	K Doolan	74

BETTING: 7-2 Rapier Thrust, 9-2 King's College Boy, 11-2 Green Steps, 9-2 Sporting Mariner, Cluanry Machine, 10-1 Bollin Palace, Against, 14-1 Longghurst, The Bakewell Boy, 20-1 others.

1986: ACCURACY 5-10-5 K Mooney (5-1) G Balding 16 ran

FORM SPORTING MARINER (11-4) strong finishing neck 2nd to Mrs Muck (11-2) in Listed Keith Prowse Long Distance Hurdle at Ascot (3m, £10331, good to soft, Apr 8, 10 ran) with KRISTENSON (12-2) 43l back in 6th.
RAPIER THRUST, winner of five novice hurdles last season, made a winning debut in handicap company at Wetherby (2m, £10872, good, Oct 31, 8 ran) when (10-10) getting up to beat Masnoon (10-7) ¾l.
LONGGHURST, finished out of the first four on only one occasion as a juvenile, best efforts include a (11-8) 3l 2nd to Smithy's Choice (11-3) on final start at Bangor (2m 4f, £896, good to firm, Apr 25, 13 ran).
KING'S COLLEGE BOY, successful over fences last season, but turned in a good effort over hurdles on reappearance at Kelso (3m 1f, £1333, good to soft, Nov 11, 14 ran) when (12-5) finishing 5l 2nd to Bogazkoy (10-3).
AGATHIST, below form this season over trips probably too sharp for him now, last year (10-9) beat Framlington Court (11-0) 15l at Kempton (2m 4f, £2759, soft, Dec 26, 12 ran).
Selection: KING'S COLLEGE BOY

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Mrs M Dickinson	8	24	33.3
M Pipe	10	31	32.3
Jimmy Fitzgerald	17	62	27.4
M H Easterby	15	64	23.4
D Nicholson	6	43	14.0
W A Stephenson	5	49	10.2

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Dwyer	17	59	28.8
G Bradley	12	49	24.5
C Hawkins	5	46	10.9

Only qualifiers

1.45 WESSEX HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,815: 2m) (8 runners)

1	31342-0	SANTOPADRE 12 (CD,G,S) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 5-11-10	D Gallagher (4)	93
2	13203-1	MUSICAL MYSTERY 17 (D,S) (D Dunsdon) J Gifford 5-10-10 (4ex)	P Hobbs	96
3	112-004	ARBITRAGE 7 (D,S) (D Bay) B Forsey 6-10-1	P Scudamore	97
5	3201-00	RIX WOODCOCK 17 (D,F,S) (Mrs T Davis) G Kindersley 6-10-0	A Mulholland (7)	● 98
6	0-40U20	CAMDEN BELLE 18 (F,G) (Lady R Stuart-Hunt) Miss L Bower 5-10-0	R Rowell	90
7	F4040-F	FUEGO BOY 26 (D,S) (A Darlington) A J Wilson 7-10-0	L Harvey	95
8	00321-2	DONAVAN'S CHOICE 7 (B,F) (S Hunt) C Popham 5-10-0	B Powell	83
10	0020-0P	BABY SIGH 89 (G) (G Stickland) G Stickland 5-10-0	B Wright	81

BETTING: 5-2 Musical Mystery, 4-1 Santopadre, 9-2 Fuego Boy, 7-1 Donavan's Choice, 8-1 Arbitrage, 10-1 Camden Belle, 12-1 Rix Woodcock, 20-1 Baby Sigh.

1986: TIMELY STAR 5-11-4 B de Haan (9-1) Mrs J Pitman 13 ran

2.15 LORD STALBRIDGE GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,578: 3m 1f) (9 runners)

2	2/000P-	RHYME 'N' REASON 246 (D,F,G,S) (Miss J Read) D Elsworth 8-12-5	P Holley (7)	80
3	00001-4	FITZHERBERT 8 (B,D,F,G,S) (A Ford) C Popham 9-11-10	K Mooney	88
4	01/101-P	QUARRIER 15 (S) (Sir K Butt) T Forster 10-11-5	H Davies	89
5	FF10-F1	TARCONEY 28 (G,S) (R Whittle) P Cundell 7-11-5	P Scudamore	93
6	1001-44	NUMERATE 12 (F,G,S) (H Hough) O Sherwood 8-11-4	S Sherwood	92
9	101-P30	COMEDY LANE 16 (B,D,F) (A Stoddart) C Popham 8-10-7	B Powell	93
11	340-02F	IMPERIAL CHAMPAGNE 7 (BF,S) (C Raymond) Miss J Thorne 7-10-5	N Dawe	● 99
12	1FF-230	STEVASA 34 (C,F,G,S) (Southern Racing Ltd) D Barons 8-10-3	M Perrett	87
14	0P0/13-3	GIOLLA WAY 48 (F,G) (D Seward) D Gandolfo 8-10-0	G Landau	81

BETTING: 7-2 Imperial Champagne, 4-1 Tarconey, 5-1 Numerate, 11-2 Rhyme 'N' Reason, 7-1 Fritzherbert, 8-1 Quarrier, 10-1 Stevasa, 12-1 others.

1986: CO MEMBER 10-10-12 H Davies (7-4 fav) T Forster 4 ran

2.45 CHARD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,036: 2m) (6 runners)

1	12F311-	DOUBLETON 203 (B,CD,F,G,S) (A Ford) C Popham 6-12-7	B Powell	● 99
2	203-0P0	ST WILLIAM 13 (F,G,S) (W Morecombe) R Hodges 10-12-3	M Perrett	90
4	F0101U/	ENERGISE 545 (CD,F,G,S) (R Turvey) C Popham 9-11-5	K Mooney	—
9	1B220-1	JIMMY EDWARDS 28 (D,S) (Dr D Chesney) D Chesney 6-10-11	C Brown	98
10	FF4-040	BROWN'S STAR 7 (S) (R Tonkin) A Turnell 7-10-0	Steve Knight	87
11	2PF/000	CELTIC CRACKLE 40 (F) (Mrs E Ellis) P Cundell 7-10-0	R Strange	—

BETTING: 15-8 Jimmy Edwards, 11-4 Doubleton, 7-2 St William, 8-1 Energise, 10-1 Brown's Star, 16-1 Celtic Crackle.

1986: AKRAM 8-11-9 C Brown (11-2) R Hodges 7 ran

3.15 YOUNG FARMERS NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,041: 2m) (21 runners)

2	03-	ALLGOLD MEMBER 432 (A Strange) C Popham 5-10-8	B Powell	—
3	4	AVALON 35 (J Pearn) N Aylitte 4-10-8	M Aylitte	85
6	30-0	CLEAR CHOICE 16 (Mrs J Finding) T Forster 5-10-8	H Davies	91
7	0-	DALSINGO 285 (E Thornton) J Old 4-10-8	P Richards	—
8	0F20-F0	DANNY'S LUCK 28 (F Clegg) D Barons 5-10-8	M Perrett	87
9	00/	DERROWN 799 (M Hill) M Hill 7-10-8	—	—
11	00-0	FLEET ACTION 7 (M Ewbank) R Brazington 6-10-8	R J Beggan	—
12	1-U	HEAVENLY BROTHER 22 (F) (F Gray) F Gray 4-10-8	E Murphy	—
16	4/0040-0	KALEK 8 (E Davies) Mrs B Waring 7-10-8	J Robson	● 99
17	4U0-	MILTON BURN 334 (A Richards) H O'Neill 5-10-8	S Sherwood	96
18		OUT OF STOCK (Mrs M Fairbairn) L Cottrell 4-10-8	R Millman	—
19	000-	PARK COPSE 222 (Sir A Tuke) N Henderson 5-10-8	S Smith Eccles	85
20	3-0	PONTEUS PILOT 61 (R Good) D Gandolfo 6-10-8	G Landau	—
22	0R0003-	QUICKEN THE BID 190 (H Perry) K Bishop 4-10-8	S Earle	78
23	00	ROCKY PIT 13 (Mrs M Sullivan) A Denson 5-10-8	—	—
24	10-	STRONG GOLD 225 (S) (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-8	M Pitman	—
26	24-0	WHAT YA CALL 19 (D Hudd) S Christian 5-10-8	R Beggan	—
27	040334	CRIMSON LADY 56 (P Rodford) P Rodford 5-10-3	W Irvine (7)	91
29	U-P0	FARCEUSE 51 (Dame E Cseky) A Cseky 4-10-3	B Wright	—
31		HOLLY BROWN (Mrs H Collins) P Hobbs 4-10-3	P Hobbs	—
32		WORKING AWAY (Mrs A Wood) T Forster 6-10-3	L Harvey	—

BETTING: 2-1 Strong Gold, 9-2 Milton Burn, 11-2 Park Copse, 7-1 Danny's Luck, 8-1 What Ya Call, 10-1 Clear Choice, 12-1 Malek, 16-1 others.

1986: PERFECT DOUBLE 5-10-10 Lorna Vincent (7-4 fav) D Elsworth 20 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
F Winter	21	75	28.0
Mrs J Pitman	15	67	22.4
D Elsworth	18	97	18.6
N Gaselee	8	47	17.0
A Turnell	6	37	16.2
D Barons	8	51	15.7

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Pitman	8	28	28.8
S Smith Eccles	10	63	15.9
K Mooney	14	97	14.4
P Scudamore	20	142	14.1
H Davies	19	157	12.1
C Brown -	15	136	11.8

Impressive Beau Ranger has King George as objective

Beau Ranger shrugged off a 5lb penalty for winning the Mackeson Gold Cup to record an all-the-way 20-length success from Forgive'N Forget in the Edward Hanmer Memorial Chase, a limited handicap, at Haydock Park yesterday. Cybrandian, the only other runner, was another 20 lengths away third.

"Beau Ranger now goes for the King George VI Chase on Boxing Day," trainer Martin Pipe said. "He has won before at Kempton Park and is suited by the course." Beau Ranger's win prompted Hills to trim his Gold Cup odds to 16-1 (from 50-1), a price also quoted by Ladbrokes.

Forgive'N Forget, twice a previous winner of this race but making his seasonal debut, looked like giving Beau Ranger a fight turning into the straight but Peter Scudamore soon had Beau Ranger, who made only one jumping error, back in absolute command.

"Forgive'N Forget will return here in two weeks' time," Jimmy Fitzgerald said of his 1985 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner. "He ran a good race considering he was giving away so much weight." He will go for the Tommy Whittle Chase, a race in which he beat Cybrandian last year.

Peter Easterby, trainer of the disappointing Cybrandian, said: "He never really got in the race, did he? I will run him next at Chepstow in the Rehearsal Chase in 10 days' time."

Scudamore had earlier initiated a double on the Reg Hollinshead-trained Charlie Dickins.

Slow start to sales

The 10-day Newmarket December Sales got off to a subdued start yesterday. It was nearly six hours before the five-figure barrier was breached, that when Ashtown House Stud paid 12,000 guineas for a Siberian Express colt foal from Blakesware Stud (Simon O'Loughlin writes).

LUDLOW

Selections
By Mandarin

12.45 Aughavogue. 1.15 Marie Baby. 1.45 Coughlans Run. 2.15 Molojec. 2.45 Magic Motion. 3.15 Chipped Metal. 3.45 Zummerset.

By Michael Seely

1.45 Coughlans Run. 2.15 Woodgate.

Going: soft

12.45 WISTANSTOW NOVICES HURDLE (£874: 2m) (18 runners)

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Simon Barnes is inspired by a poster to blow the whistle on the hearties v arties match

Black is beautiful for World Cup



The art of the poster: Brazil 1950 (left) went in for the representational kick; Spain 82 (right) produced the work of the surrealist Miró; while for Italia 90 (centre) black is the colour

So let's bring together a bunch of football writers from all over Europe and give them a treat, all right? Let's put them on a train in Rome, unship them in Umbria, and show them round an art gallery. And let's show them something they can get their teeth into: some difficult and challenging non-representational art.

Yes, let's give them Alberto Burri: the man who uses torn sackcloth, burnt and ripped plastic and cracked ceramics. That will give them a nice change from writing about groin strains.

So that is exactly what the organizers of the 1990 World Cup did. The competition will be held in Italy: it seems that art and sport have a different relationship over there. The British World Cup poster for 1966 had all the commitment and thought you would expect from an advertising agency. It showed a lion dressed as a footballer.

Other nations have had more elevated ideas: poster designers of the past include Miró and Dali. And the Italians asked Burri to do the poster for Italia 90: Burri of the paintings that come in three shades of black as the only colour, Burri of the tortured hessian and brutalized Cellotex.

Well, you see what Burri has come up with. Black, as you will gather, is his favourite colour. Curious lighting on the Colosseum: well, no, actually. Burri has used a negative. This black image dominates all the posters: colour is only used on the football pitch part.

I think it is a cracker, myself, and so do the World Cup people. Burri must be pretty pleased with it himself: he is, I am told, a bit of a football fan. Well, what is so funny about an artist who likes to watch the lads at weekends?

Many great men have also been football enthusiasts: I have a small but choice collection of the names of great men who have played at goalkeeper: Albert Camus, Vladimir Nabokov, Yevgeny Yevtushenko, and, naturally, the Pope.

But you will notice that these people are all Europeans. The Italians thought it quite reasonable to take football writers to check out a bit of non-representational art: it seemed to be only in Britain that art and sport are mutually exclusive. The sportsman's knee-jerk philistinism is a strictly British phenomenon.

I suspect it all goes back to Rugby School and its spirit of manly philistinism: its equation, if you like, of manliness with philistinism. This has been followed, inevitably and much less excusably, by the intellectuals' total rejection of sport. To be completely uninterested in sport of every kind is seen as the hallmark of a member of the intelligentsia. It is philistinism in another code.

The sporting man's notion of Intellectual Man is of Anthony Blanche in *Brideshead Revisited*: he summed up the eternal divide between the arties and hearties when he read *The Wasteland* through a loud hailer to passing oarsmen. It was the hearties' ambition to duck him in a fountain: "You can't think how much pleasure it would give me to be manhandled by you meaty boys."

To the sporting man, Blanche is art: posing, vain, effete, unnatural, dangerous, prompting fear and loathing.

And to the arties, sport is the pursuit of the small-brained man, the unworthy, the brutal, the insensitive, the unaware, the man of wide eyes and closed mind. Let us take a look at the *London Review of Books*, which recently carried a piece about Hans Keller, the music critic.

"... the image comes to mind when I think of Hans and football and my inability to say anything about it at all ... I confess to conceiving a gross disproportion between the skilled attention Hans gave soccer and the skills the game brings into play. Why didn't Hans grow out of this surely adolescent enthusiasm?"

But this drew a spirited reply in the letters column from Robert Stewart, from which I quote: "Of sport three defences (it should need no defence!) may briefly be made: 1, It asks of the species, purely and with no ulterior end, that it should tests its limits ...; 2, It reminds us, with grace and passion, that life itself is a game ... again to be played gloriously (as Hans Keller played it) according to the rules down to the final whistle; 3, It reveals to us that one of life's chief pleasures, perhaps the chief pleasure of all, is to draw out the best in others ...

"Does (the writer) think that Neville Cardus's love of cricket was adolescent? Might he not pause to ask himself why it is that football drew from Keller and cricket from Cardus such excellent prose? He could begin in the knowledge of A. J. Ayer's love of football and G. H. Hardy's love of cricket, by considering what music, philosophy, mathematics and sport have in common: namely that each is a useless, exhilarating *abstraction*."

It is ridiculous that something as basically jolly as sport needs to be justified to some people: it is ridicalous that sport inspired so much contempt in the first place. But then the hearties' hatred and suspicion of anything remotely arty is every bit as absurd. Those who inhabit either side of this great rift valley are the poorer for it.

I am on the renaissance side, myself: those who can see nobility in all forms of pure endeavour and ugliness in every form of cheating: those who can enjoy goals, symphonies, runs, wickets, poems and paintings made of sackcloth. Let Blanche scull along the river while the college eight chants *The Wasteland* to him: "You! *hypocrite lecteur! — mon semblable, — mon frère!*"

CRICKET

Haynes leads recovery on 18-wicket day

Delhi (Reuter) – Eighteen wickets fell on a remarkable opening day of the first Test match between West Indies and India here yesterday. The pitch at the Ferozshah Kotla ground had earlier been described by the captains as helpful to batsmen, but uneven bounce – and some ill-judged strokes against the swinging ball – contributed to their downfall.

West Indies, replying to India's paltry total of 75, were in severe trouble themselves at 49 for seven before tail-end support enabled Desmond Haynes (45 not out in 190 minutes) to steer them to 118 for eight by the close. India's total was their lowest in 55 matches between the countries.

It was a torrid start for the new Indian captain, Vengsarkar, who won the toss and elected to bat. India were struggling from the third ball of their innings, when Patterson induced Srikanth to edge a ball to the wicketkeeper without a run on the board and the rest was a sorry procession.

Davis uprooted Lamba's off stump with the total seven and struck again when the opener, Arun Lal, top scorer with 20, offered Greenidge a catch. Vengsarkar himself was in 73 minutes for 10 and only More of the rest reached double figures.

Patterson was the pick of the new-generation West Indies pace attack, claiming three wickets in five balls during his last over to finish with five for 24, while the remaining wickets were shared by Davis, Benjamin and Walsh. In their turn Kapil Dev and Sharma claimed three wickets apiece as India fought back.

The West Indians repeated the mistakes of India's batsmen, chasing outswingers, and were in trouble from the first over when Kapil trapped Greenidge for nought. Greenidge left looking disappointed over the decision and this was the cue for his opening partner, Haynes, to dig in for his invaluable, if dour, effort while wickets crashed at the other end. Six batsmen were out for only 29 before Haynes opened his account with a square cut for four off Kapil after facing 37 balls. In all he hit seven fours and faced 136 balls.

Davis partnered Haynes in a 20-run stand for the seventh wicket before lifting a return catch to Sharma, but then Benjamin helped Haynes to add 53 before misreading the line of a delivery to give the off spinner, Ayub, his first Test wicket.

INDIA: First Innings

K Srikanth c Dujon b Patterson	0
Arun Lal c Greenidge b Davis	20
R Lamba b Davis	1
*D B Vengsarkar c Harper b Davis	10
R J Shastri c Richardson b Benjamin	6
S V Manjrekar c Harper b Patterson	8
Kapil Dev c Dujon b Walsh	7
†K S More not out	12
A Ayub c Harper b Patterson	7
C Sharma c Richardson b Patterson	0
Maninder Singh b Patterson	0
Extras (lb 1, w 3, nb 3)	7
Total	75

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-7, 3-32, 4-42, 5-42, 6-52, 7-59, 8-75, 9-75.
BOWLING: Patterson 8.5-1-24-5; Davis 11-2-20-3; Benjamin 7-0-17-1; Walsh 4-0-13-1.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

C G Greenidge lbw b Kapil Dev	0
D L Haynes not out	45
R B Richardson lbw b Kapil Dev	4
*I V A Richards c More b Sharma	9
A L Logie lbw b Sharma	4
†P J L Dujon c Lamba b Kapil Dev	5
R A Harper run out	4
W W Davis c and b Sharma	6
W K M Benjamin b Ayub	19
C A Walsh not out	12
Extras (b 3, lb 1, w 1, nb 5)	10
Total (8 wkts)	118

B P Patterson to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-4, 3-13, 4-17, 5-25, 6-29, 7-49, 8-102.
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 16-7-37-3; Sharma 12-2-50-3; Maninder 7-3-13-0; Ayub 9-4-14-1.

● JOHANNESBURG: The West Indian fast bowler, Sylvester Clarke, who is playing for Orange Free State, has been voted the most fearsome in the country by 54 per cent of South Africa's leading batsmen, according to a survey in a sports magazine (AFP reports).

YACHTING

Cape is considered unlucky scapegoat

By Barry Pickthall

Thomas Friese, the West German owner of the Admiral's Cup yacht I-Punkt, yesterday received a 10-year ban from racing in British waters after being found guilty of cheating during both the British series and One Ton Cup off Kiel earlier this year.

Other members of the crew, which included the young British yachtsman, Tom Swift, Olympic sailor Herbert Raudaschl, from Austria, and the Australian, Andrew Cape, whose exposé in *The Times* led to the yacht's disqualification from both events, received bans of between three and seven years.

In Cape's case, all but seven months of his seven-year disqualification has been suspended after the Royal Yachting Association's committee, accepted in mitigation his efforts to bring the matter out into the open.

Radaschl, however, who acted as skipper of the yacht during the Channel Race, faces a two-year disqualification with a further five years suspended, and Swift, the paid hand who carried out the illicit pumping of water ballast aboard during the races to improve the yacht's righting moment, and thus its speed, faces a seven-year ban, six suspended.

While some, including Cape's former skipper, Ernest Juer, felt that the Australian who blew the whistle on a scam that has been practised aboard various European yachts since 1981 was lucky to get off with a seven-month ban, others yesterday were more concerned at the effect this example will have on other crews.

Rob Humphreys, designer of Mike Peacock's Admiral Cup yacht, Juno, said: "It seems to me that the ban imposed on Andrew Cape is a mistake on both moral and practical grounds. By bringing the world's attention to what went on in I-Punkt, he carried out what was effectively a service to yachting, but paradoxically his ban will serve only to dissuade others from following his example in trying to push for a cleaner sport".

Many yachtsmen believe that Cape's actions should be commended, not condemned, and by making an example of him for talking to the press, the authorities have ensured that future scandals will be swept under the carpet.

SWIMMING

Moorhouse ready for twin challenge

By Roy Moor

Adrian Moorhouse has recovered from the bronchitis that prevented him defending both breaststroke titles at last week's national short-course championships and expects to be at his best for the European Cup tournament, in Monaco on December 12 and 13.

"I am back in full training," the European champion saidyesterday, "and will be seeking fast times in Monaco to tune up my pace for the following week's US Open championships in Orlando." In Florida, Moorhouse is hoping for another clash with his arch-rival, the Canadian Olympic champion, Victor Davis.

Britain's team for Monaco is considerably strengthened by the recall of June Croft, who showed such outstanding form in winning all four freestyle titles, from 50 to 400 metres, at last week's Ipswich nationals.

The fast-improving young Salford sprinter, Steven Dronsfield, named for the freestyle relay, is the only new cap, but Paul Brew will make his first appearance for Britain since 1985 in both individual medley events.

Mark Foster, of Southend, while having to give way to Mike Fibbens in the 100 metres freestyle, has secured selection not only for the freestyle relay but also the 100 metres butterfly.

GREAT BRITAIN TEAM: Men: Freestyle: 100m: M Fibbens (Beckenham); 200m: J Broughton (City of Leeds); 400m: K Boyd (Borough of South Tyneside); 1,500m: A Day (City of Leeds). Backstroke: 100m and 200m: G Banfield (Salford Triple S). Breaststroke: 100m and 200m: A Moorhouse (City of Leeds). Butterfly: 100m: M Foster (Borough of Southend); 200m: T Jones (Walsall). Individual medley: 200m and 400m: P Brew (Kelly College). Relays: 4 x 100m Freestyle: S Dronsfield (Salford Triple S), Foster, R Lee (City of Birmingham), Fibbens. 4 x 100m Medley: I Campbell (Beckenham) and three to be selected.
Women: Freestyle: 100m and 200m: J Croft (Wigan Wasps); 400m: R Gilfillan (City of Dundee); 800m: K Mellor (City of Sheffield). Backstroke: 100m: J Ewing (Parsley); 200m: H Slatter (Kelly College). Breaststroke: 100m: S Brownsdon (University of Calgary); 200m: J Hill (Cumbernauld). Butterfly: 100m: M Scarborough (Portsmouth Northsea); 200m: H Bewley (Millfield School). Individual medleys: 200m: Hill; 400m: G Stanley (Stockport Metro). Relays: 4 x 100m freestyle: L Donnelly (Hamilton Baths), K Pickering (Shwerers), Scarborough, Croft; 4 x 100m medley: to be selected.

Brothers stealing the show



The Crook family should run away with the show tonight at Horwich, where for the first time in professional boxing three brothers will be appearing on the same bill (Srikumar Sen writes). Carl Crook (right), aged 24, the former central area lightweight champion, heads the card. He has had 14 bouts and won 13. Peter (left), aged 25, has won 13 of his 19 contests at light-welter, and Nigel, aged 23, a bantamweight, has won 12 of his 16 bouts. The brothers, who live at Eaves Green, Chorley, learnt their boxing at the Bolton Lads Club and Chorley ABC. Peter and Carl boxed in the Army and were ABA runners up in 1983 and 1985 respectively. They are all managed by John Celebanski (Photograph: Barry Greenwood)

Rocky II could be a flop

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

There is something of the film script about Rocky Kelly's challenge for the British welterweight championship at Fulham tonight. "The most exciting fighter in the country, the man who will have them roaring with excitement" takes on an ageing champion, Kirkland Laing, "the man who beat Roberto Durán".

It is a classic confrontation: Kelly, the fighter, against Laing, the boxer. And judging from Kelly's up-and-at-'em style, it should be an explosive affair. But there should be few departures from the scenario of Kelly running into stinging jabs and looping punches from the champion.

Regardless of "the most exciting fighter ..." claim by Kelly's manager, Harry Holland, who is also the promoter of the show, the challenger is really not much more than a club fighter; Laing has more than a touch of world class. And since "you have to nail Kelly to the floor to keep him down", Kelly stands a good chance of taking a severe beating. Kelly's only hope lies in doing a Colin Jones on Laing by catching him with a good one early or if and when the champion's legs start to go.

Kelly's contest against Tony Brown, of Liverpool, last year was considered by many to be "the fight of the year". But it left me with serious reservations about Kelly's future. He seemed to fight through on instinct to win. The crowd loved it. But as the bout progressed he looked mentally drained, his reflexes became slower and slower and he seemed unable to seize good openings.

Kelly has taken more shots in his 29 contests in six years as a professional than Laing has in 39 bouts in 12 years and one cannot be sure that the blows have not started having their effect on Kelly. The Boxing Board has cleared him medically. However, if his reflexes let him down this time he will be severely punished by the champion who, according to his trainer, Dennie Mancini, is punching harder than before.

Mancini said yesterday: "He has been training with light-heavyweights because welterweights can't take his shots any more." The only fear Mancini had was over Laing's 33 years, nine years more than Kelly's.

The outcome is entirely in the hands of the brilliant but temperamental Laing.

The International Boxing Federation has written to all promoters, managers and boxers in England urging them to oppose the British Boxing Board of Control's (BBBC) ban on 15-round title bouts. The BBBC recently decided to back the 12-round-maximum rule of the two other world boxing bodies, the World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council.

HOCKEY

RAF side in final command

By Sydney Friskin

The three-day festival of indoor tournaments run by the Combined Services at RAF Newton, near Nottingham, ended yesterday with RAF Support Command winning the Inter-Corps title after defeating Plymouth Command, of the Royal Navy, 7-4 in the final. Both teams, however, qualified for the last 32 of the Royal Bank of Scotland national club championship, to be held at four centres on January 31, but will need to raise their standards to have a chance of further progress.

Support Command led 4-1 at half-time in the final, thanks to the skilful manoeuvering of Lee and Ward, who helped them withstand a late challenge by the Navy side. They also shared the spoils, each scoring three goals.

In the semi-finals, however, Support Command were driven to the limit of their powers by last year's winners, RAF Strike Command, who lost 6-5 despite the heroic efforts of Hart, their captain. In the other semi-final Plymouth Command achieved a 2-1 victory over Royal Engineers. Eight teams took part.

Nick Gordon, of the Army, who dislocated his left shoulder on Monday while playing against the Navy in the Services Championship, will be out of action for at least a fortnight and will miss Hounslow's match on Sunday.

● In the one Pizza Express London League match played yesterday, Cambridge University could manage only a 1–1 draw at Fenner's with Weybridge Hawks, who are struggling at the bottom of the table. Cambridge scored midway through the first half through Higgin but did not make the most of their chances after the interval and paid the price when Phil Jansen equalized five minutes before the end.

EQUESTRIANISM

Fourth win for Leng

By Jenny MacArthur

Virginia Leng, the world and European three-day event champion, has been awarded the British Equestrian Writers' Association trophy for the equestrian personality of the year, for the fourth successive time.

This year's award comes after she retained her European title on Night Cap in Luməhlen, West Germany, in September, where the British team also won the gold medal.

On Night Cap, the most successful horse in British eventing this year, she also gained her fifth national title at Gatcombe Park in August. Mrs Leng's announcement, a month later, that the 14-year-old gelding was to be retired — at the peak of his career — further enhanced her standing in the sport.

The Vivien Batchelor trophy for the outstanding junior rider has been awarded, for the second time, to Gillian Greenwood, following her individual and team gold medal wins on Landsaver Monsanta at this year's European young riders show-jumping championships at Donaueschingen, West Germany, in August. Miss Greenwood, aged 21, first won the award in 1984 after becoming the junior European champion.

Her other successes this year include winning the Queen Elizabeth II Cup at the Royal International Horse Show in June. It was after that victory that she said the brilliant 11-year-old, Monsanta, her only top horse, was to be sold because of a lack of funds. The next day the British firm, Landsaver MCP Ltd, offered to sponsor Miss Greenwood. A contract, initially for 18 months, was signed the following week, enabling Miss Greenwood to keep the horse.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Budweiser Floodlit Cup: First round: Glentoran v Cliftonville.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Derby v Coventry; Leeds v Everton; Manchester City v Leicester (6.45).

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Second round: Ruislip Manor v Wokingham.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Carlton v Vauxhall challenge (at Portsmouth).

BASKETBALL: National Cup (women): London Jets v Kingston (8.30).

BOXING: British welterweight title: Kirkland Laing v Rocky Kelly (at London West home).

SNOOKER: Tennents UK championship (at Preston).

SPORT ON TV

GYMNASTICS: New Zealand Lamb Rhythmic international from Wembley conference centre. C4: 5.30 p.m.
ICE SKATING: Tuborg British figure championships from Lee Valley ice rink. C4: 5 p.m.
MOTOR SPORT: Top Gear Rally Report: Highlights of the Lombard RAC rally. BBC2: 8.30 p.m.
SNOOKER: Tennents United Kingdom championship: Coverage of the quarter-finals from the Guild Hall, Preston. BBC2: 2.15, 4.30 and 10.10 p.m. BBC1: 11.30 p.m.

TENEA UNDER HAMMER AGAIN

Star billing at Tattersalls December sales goes again to Tenea. She is one of a record number of lots this year at Europe's largest bloodstock sale just opened at Park Paddocks, Newmarket. Horse and Hound, out today, previews the event, which closes on Saturday December 5.

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ICE SKATING

Soaring to high peak for Conway

By John Hennessy

Joanne Conway, who retained the Tuborg British figure-skating championship, looked every inch the part when she produced the best short programme of her life and won by a street from Gina Fulton, also from the Sunderland club, and Louisa Danskin (Ashfield and Nottingham) at Lee Valley. The overall standard was depressingly low, but in any company Miss Conway, still aged 16, would have held her own.

The combination jump has often plagued her, as it has most others, but she landed the triple toe loop cleanly and the double loop posed no problem. As for the double axel, she soared high to land perfectly.

Her combination spins went momentarily out of control, perhaps, and this may have caused some judges to hold back. Only one went as high as 5.6 for technical merit, which was the expectation of Christa Fassi, her trainer. For artistic impression, the same judge, Wendy Clay, gave her 5.7, but some others went as low as 5.3 and 5.4, which seemed ungenerous given the bravura character of Miss Conway's presentation.

Only two other skaters attempted a triple jump and only Miss Fulton landed it. Even so, she could not find a true running edge and she executed a flawed double loop.

Paul Robinson, the winner of the men's title, finished only second in the short programme after falling heavily on the triple flip. Charles Wildridge, of Queens, managed a triple lutz in the combination, albeit followed by a stationary landing of the double loop, and he took first place in this element, to move from fifth to third overall.

Cheryl Peake and Andrew Naylor retained the pairs title for the second time, but without much conviction. Two throw jumps were failures and in the side-by-side jumps, Miss Peake did only a single axel and her partner touched down on the double lutz.

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Women's short programme: 1, J Conway (Sunderland/Gillingham), 0.4pts; 2, G Fulton (Sunderland), 0.8; 3, L Danskin (Ashfield/Nottingham), 1.2; 4, F Ritchie (Dundee), 1.6; 5, M Waller (Murrayfield), 2.0; 6, L Wooster (Richmond), 2.4. After two elements: 1, Conway, 1.0pts; 2, Fulton, 2.0; 3, Ritchie, 3.4; 4, Wooster, 5.4; 5 A Laws, (Sunderland) 6.8; 6, Danskin, 8.6. Men's short programme: 1, C Wildridge (Queens), 0.4; 2, P Robinson (Blackpool/Billingham), 0.8; 3, A Moore (Oxford), 1.2; 4, D Reynolds (Billingham/Streatham), 1.6; 5, C Newberry (Solihull/Lee Valley), 2.0; 6, A Fletcher, (Nottingham) 2.4 After two elements: 1, Robinson, 1.4; 2, Moore, 2.4; =3, Wildridge, Reynolds, 3.4; 5, Newberry 5.6; 6, M Renard, 5.8. Pairs: Free-skating: 1, C Peake and A Naylor (Nottingham), 1.0pts; 2, E Cushley and N Cushley (Billingham), 2.0; 3, H Williams and N Herring (Oxford), 3.0. Final: 1 Peake and Naylor, 1.4; 2, Cushley and Cushley, 2.8; 3, Williams and Herring, 4.2.

SNOOKER

Davis is made to work

By Steve Acteson

Steve Davis was facing another uphill battle against John Parrott in their absorbing Tennents United Kingdom championship quarter-final match in Preston last night. The world champion led 4-3 at the main interval against the thirteenth seed, who had only just failed to beat Davis in three previous attempts.

Twice the Liverpudlian, aged 23, has taken Davis the distance in losing 5-4, and even though he lost 5-2 to the World No. 1 in the first ranking tournament this season, at least he produced two sparkling century breaks.

Yesterday he produced another, in the opening frame, ending his run at 101 by missing a pink with a possible 134 in his sights. Davis, seeking his sixth UK title in eight seasons and his fourth in a row, replied by taking the next two frames with ease.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: S Davis (Eng) bt J Parrott (Eng), 4-3. Frame scores (Davis first): 18-110, 92-19, 80-0, 50-89, 10-89, 69-42, 65-32. M Hallett (Eng) bt J Johnson (Eng), 4-3. Frame scores (Johnson first): 42-84, 12-121, 69-26, 100-8, 25-70, 14-78, 81-15. Tuesday's latest results: Fifth round: C Thorburn (Can) bt J Campbell (Aus), 9-4. Frame scores (Thorburn first): 8-65, 69-14, 44-67, 35-64, 119-0, 47-73, 84-35, 66-10, 69-7, 89-0, 63-39, 105-4, 53-51. J White (Eng) bt D Roe (Eng), 9-5. Frame scores (White first): 100-36, 61-28, 40-66, 43-52, 38-76, 72-50, 22-80, 94-28, 73-8, 52-39, 88-0, 61-41, 25-83, 72-9.

FOOTBALL

Bassett's future at stake on day of decision at Watford

By Dennis Signy

On the eve of a momentous day in the history of Watford Football Club, with a board meeting to receive Elton John's resignation as chairman after 11 years and a Football League management committee meeting discussing the planned sale of his shares to Robert Maxwell's British Printing Communications Corporation for £2 million, Dave Bassett, the manager, was in defiant mood.

Although callers to his home were told he was unavailable all day and he was believed to be in Jersey, Bassett was interviewed on an Arsenal Clubcall programme about Watford's home game against the Gunners on Saturday.

Despite the speculation about his future at Vicarage Road, with David Pleat, the former Tottenham Hotspur manager, being named in some of Maxwell's papers as a probable successor, Bassett insisted: "I don't quit."

He said that pressure had been built by the media. "I don't feel any pressure. I have had none from the board". Aside from speculation about Bassett, the Watford timetable for today starts at the Excelsior Hotel at Manchester airport, where a reconvened meeting of the league management committee will discuss the sale of the chairman's shares to BPCC and whether or not this would contravene their regulation 80, which forbids direct or indirect involvement in the running of more than one club.

Maxwell, who has threatened to pull out of the deal unless he receives unconditional support, is chairman of Derby County; his son, Kevin, succeeded him in the summer as chairman of Oxford United and his daughter, Ghislaine, is a director.

The plan is for John Holloran, the chief executive of BPCC, to succeed John as chairman at Watford tonight, with Eddie Plumley, the chief executive, continuing in that role.

The next development today is at 5.30pm when the Watford board meets. Item one on the agenda is the resignation of the chairman. It has been announced that he will continue as a director and he has given public support this week to Bassett, who took over in the summer when Graham Taylor moved to Aston Villa.

With Watford languishing in 19th place in the table, with only three wins this season, Bassett has been criticized for selling established players. The crowd has demonstrated against him and players he has signed as replacements and it has become clear that Bassett's style of management in following Taylor has not endeared him to supporters of a club with a family image and to factions at Vicarage Road.

In his Arsenal interview Bassett said: "It affected me more earlier on than at the present. I have learned from the experiences but I have no regrets. Possibly if I was doing the same thing all over again I might do things differently but I'm not talking about major things.

"I might have bought a couple of players and kept all the players I had. But that would not necessarily have guaranteed the position would have been any different — but it is easy in hindsight."

Although he agrees things are not going to plan, Bassett remains chirpy. He quipped that he might seek guidance in his troubles from the club chaplain — "I'm even actually going round to his house for dinner."

Scotland asked to reconsider on cup

England have urged Scotland to reconsider their objections to having the South American champions, Uruguay, as Rous Cup opponents. The Football Association secretary, Ted Croker, contacted his counterpart, Ernie Walker, this week when Sweden and France both said they were unavailable for the end-of-season tournament.

"Uruguay are very keen to come and have asked on more than one occasion whether we are going to invite them," an FA spokesman said. "They would be a big box-office draw, but Scotland are reluctant because of the unpleasantness when the clubs met in the Mexico World Cup."

Last year, Brazil's involvement in the Rous Cup brought a cash bonanza and England were keen for Latin American opposition again this time. However, the FA ruled out the world champions, Argentina.

Uruguay, who played in Wales before the 1986 World Cup, would provide a stern test for England before the European Championship finals. The manager, Bobby Robson, was hoping for a six-match build-up to next summer's finals in West Germany.

The programme begins against Israel in Tel Aviv in February while The Netherlands play at Wembley in March. The FA, however, is still awaiting confirmation that the following month's trip to Portugal is on.

Then comes the Rous Cup but, unless Scotland change their mind over Uruguay, that may be restricted to the 'auld enemy' match at Wembley on May 21. England complete their pre-Championship programme in Switzerland.

● Wales are to continue to take part in the European Championships despite their financial problems. The Welsh FA secretary, Alun Evans, said yesterday: "From our point of view, it is our insurance for providing a supply of potential internationals at senior level. We recognize at once that if we leave this competition we are endangering our future.

"As long as we are financially able to we will enter the competition".

Welsh FA details its policy

The Welsh FA has drawn up a three-point battle plan in the fight to defeat football hooligans. Serious outbreaks of violence involving Cardiff City supporters recently has sparked the WFA's concern, and yesterday it issued guidelines to all clubs in a bid to stamp out further trouble.

Alun Evans, the secretary, announced the measures after an all-day meeting, with many of the points applying solely to Cardiff and their supporters. Twenty-one days before any match is played on grounds in Wales, a meeting with the respective clubs, the local police and British Transport Police would be held to determine measures necessary to ensure crowd control at the ground and elsewhere.

An official match inspector will attend all derby matches between Football League clubs in Wales, and where a junior club is drawn at home to Cardiff City in the Welsh Cup, an alternative venue will be designated in the event of police objections. In addition, further closed-circuit television equipment is to be installed at Ninian Park as a matter of urgency.

The measures follow recent serious outbreaks of violence by Cardiff followers, a dozen of whom has already been charged with the serious offence of riot.

For matches played against Cardiff City in England, the WFA recommends all-ticket matches with none to be sold on the day of the game.

Best criticizes Irish FA over testimonial ban

George Best has reacted furiously to a decision by the Irish Football Association (IFA) to refuse Cromac Albion, a junior club, permission to stage a testimonial match for him at Windsor Park, Belfast, on January 13. "I am considering taking legal action," Best said. "But it is exactly the decision I expected from them."

Best said that the match would have included a number of world-class players who had promised to take part in recognition of what he had done for them over the years. "The IFA are not letting me down — they are depriving the public of what would have been a memorable football occasion in Belfast."

Harry Cavan, the IFA president, said: "The council decided by 24 votes to two that it would be creating a precedent. There was a special case for the Pat Jennings match a year ago after his retirement and the attaining of a world record number of caps.

"The council took into consideration that there were a number of other players who, perhaps, were more deserving of testimonials, including some who had to quit the game through injury. There was an element of self-promotion about the Best proposal."

Pennyfather must stay

Southend United have turned down a £125,000 bid from Crystal Palace for Glenn Pennyfather. Last month Pennyfather was the target of a £130,000 offer from Plymouth Argyle. Southend are believed to value him at £150,000.

● George Reilly, of West Bromwich Albion, has turned down a move to Oldham Athletic. The two clubs had agreed a fee of £75,000, but Reilly spoke to Joe Royle, the Oldham manager, yesterday, and has been unable to agree terms.

● Brentford have rejected a bid of £125,000 from Oxford United for Andy Sinton, their midfield player.

● Lincoln City, who play in the GM Vauxhall Conference, yesterday signed Graham Bressington from Wycombe Wanderers for about £20,000.

● Clive Middlemass, the assistant manager at Bristol City, was yesterday confirmed as the new manager of Carlisle United.

Platt leads by example

Jim Platt, the Coleraine player-manager, and David Hanna, the youthful Portadown forward, were the central figures in the Roadferry Cup semi-finals (George Ace writes). The two country teams disposed of Linfield and Larne respectively to earn the right to contest Saturday's final at The Oval.

Hanna scored three goals in Portadown's 4-3 extra-time victory over Larne in a thrilling encounter at New Grosvenor. Platt, who spent his international career in the shadow of Pat Jennings but still managed to collect 23 caps, saved from Doherty and McKeown in the penalty shoot-out which sent his side through 4-3 in a match that never looked like producing any goals.

With Portadown and Coleraine disputing Saturday's final and Ballymena United and Newry Town meeting at The Oval last night in the final of the Co Antrim Shield, the "big" tag enjoyed by Linfield and Glentoran in Irish League circles is beginning to look something of a misnomer.

Save the missiles

The Middlesbrough manager, Bruce Rioch, has appealed to hooligans among the crowd not to throw missiles at visiting goalkeepers.

Women's windfall

The Football Trust has given £6,000 to the English Women's Football Association to assist in the organization of international matches.

RUGBY UNION



High-flyers: Norster outjumps Topping in the lineout yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Swift Thomas cracks ice to give Cambridge new heart

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Cambridge University . 34
Steele-Bodger's XV 28

Mickey Steele-Bodger may not have entirely approved of the result at Grange Road yesterday, but Cambridge University did the fortieth anniversary of this fixture proud.

They played with a panache that brought them a thoroughly deserved victory — their third in succession against the guest side — by five goals and a try to four goals and a try.

Not a penalty in sight, of which M. R. Steele-Bodger would have approved, and moreover, Andy Ripley (40 next week) scored the final try, although one of his special penalty calls — which looked like a firecracker gone wrong — misfired.

Cambridge, who have taken some severe beatings since their mid-term purple patch against Richmond, London Scottish, and Northampton, will now be greatly heartened. For the first half-hour they dominated possession and ran up a 16-0 lead.

Their opponents, who included 10 internationals, may have found it slightly embarrassing, but the students were thoroughly entertaining. Hancock is a discerning scrum half and with his big back row playing well in front of him, he varied play and brought the best out of Shufflebotham and Payne, whose mentor at Neath, Brian Thomas, was watching.

By half-time, Steele-Bodger's XV, thanks largely to Orwin and Norster, gained some lineout ascendancy, but they regularly lost second-phase ball and Clough happily led the charge in a tenacious defence. The guests turned round 16-6 down, and though they came within one score three times, the students were never headed.

It was particularly comforting for Light Blue supporters to see Thomas in such sound form. Playing right wing — rather than full back, where he won his Blue — he scored two tries and kicked five conversions, three from awkward angles. Moreover, his tactical kicking often gained Cambridge 50 and 60 metres.

Risman, another player of outstanding pedigree on the left wing, also scored twice without indicating such physical presence as his Welsh colleague. If a couple of the Cambridge tries (by Wainwright and Vyvyan) looked eminently stoppable, it does not detract from the speed with which backs and forwards handled the ball and the zest with which they covered.

Thomas might have been given off-side in scoring his first try, in pursuit of Hancock's high kick, and only desperate defence thwarted Thomas and Payne before the interval. Burnhill's response was the result of a long run by Bailey, who has been coaching the Cambridge backs, and looked unusually gratified to be tackled into touch by Payne midway through the second half.

Woodrow's try looked as though it might prompt a revival, but when Hancock worked Thomas over and Vyvyan ran away from a five-metre scrum to score, the party was over for the guests.

SCORERS: Cambridge University: Tries: Thomas (2), Risman (2), Wainwright, Vyvyan. Conversions: Thomas (5). Steele-Bodger's XV: Tries: Burnhill, Woodrow, Rees, Williams, Ripley. Conversions: Andrew, Thorburn (2), Bailey.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: P Beard (Berkhamsted and St John's); *M Thomas (Gowerton and Magdalene), A Payne (Brynteg CS and Magdalene), *F Clough (St John Rigby and Magdalene) M Risman (Wellington College and Emmanuel); D Shufflebotham (Neath Tertiary and Magdalene), M Hancock (Haversham and Hughes Hall); *N Herrod (King Henry VIII Coventry and Clare), *B Gilchrist (Sevenoeks and Magdalene), J Freeman (Warwick and St John's), *S Kelly (Richard Huish, Taunton and Corpus Christi, capt), M Pepper (St Alban's and Jesus) *N Topping (RGS High Wycombe and St John's), *R Wainwright (Glenalmond and Magdalene), C Vyvyan (Downside and Wolfson).

M R STEELE-BODGER'S XV: P Thorburn (Neath and Wal); E Rees (Neath and Wal), D Woodrow (Northampton), S Burnhill (Leicester), M Bailey (Wasps and Eng); R Andrew (Wasps and Eng), A Williams (Swansea); D Sole (Edinburgh Academicals and Sco), I Abercrombie (London Scottish), A Tucker (Bedford and Zimb), M Skinner (Harlequins), J Orwin (Bedford and Eng), R Norster (Cardiff and Wal), G Roberts (Cardiff and Wal), A Ripley (Rosslyn Park and Eng, capt).

Referee: C High (Manchester).

* A Blue.

The Scottish selectors stay faithful

The early season success of the Anglo-Scots against the French touring team is reflected in the Scotland B side to play Italy B in Aberdeen on December 5. There are eight players from English clubs, including all threequarters (Ian McLauchlan writes).

The backs are strong in defence and should have too many options in attack for the Italians as Ker, the stand-off half, prefers the expansive game. At scrum half, the promising Armstrong should be well enough protected to display his considerable talents.

Among the forwards, there are a few surprises — especially the exclusion of Hogarth, last year's captain.

SCOTLAND B: I J Ramsey (Melrose); W L Renwick (London Scottish), T J Exeter (Mostey), R R W McLean (Gloucester), T Peterson-Brown (London Scottish); A B M Ker (Kelso, capt), G Armstrong (Jedforest), G Graham (Stirling County), K S Milne (Heriots FP), D Buchtner (Harlequins), G R Marshall (Wakefield), C A Gray (Nottingham), D F Cronin (Bath), T P Rafferty (Heriots FP), H M Parker (Kilmarnock). Replacements: S H Scott, J M Scott (both Stewart's Melville), C G MacGregor (Boroughmuir), P J Hegarth (Hawick), G B Robertson (Stirling County), I Corcoran (Gala).
Referee: D W Matthews (England).

Ellesmere cling to the lead in a tight finish

By Michael Stevenson

Ellesmere College..... 15
Merchant Taylors 10

Deep in the second half and leading 10-6, Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, suffered the frustration of conceding a try to an interception, which helped their hosts to victory by a goal and three penalties to a try and two penalties. The irony was that Ellesmere themselves had been guilty of numerous lobbed and inaccurate passes, which had largely gone unpunished.

David Marvell contributed all the Ellesmere points and generally looked a cool and capable centre. He opened the scoring with a penalty, only for Clift to level the scores with a penalty for a ruck offence.

Seconds from the interval Merchant Taylors' youthful outside half, Glynne-Jones, hoisted a high kick. Knowles was caught in possession and the ruck was won smoothly to give the Gardner his chance to break and give a scoring pass to Wright.

With the breeze now against them, Ellesmere must have felt that the game was leaning Merchant Taylors' way when Clift added a second penalty. But then Antrobus fatally lobbed his pass and Marvell's interception left Knowles diving despairingly to prevent the try. Marvell converted and Ellesmere had burgled the lead.

Soon afterwards Ellesmere were penalized but, when an opposition player took the law into his own hands, the kick was reversed for Marvell's third penalty to put Ellesmere further ahead.

Merchant Taylors' then earned several penalties close to the Ellesmere posts, which they elected to run. They camped on the home line in the closing stages but over-anxiety and brave defence frustrated them.

SCORERS: Ellesmere: Try: D Marvell. Conversion: D Marvell. Penalties: D Marvell (3). Merchant Taylors: Try: Wright. Penalties: Clift (2).

ELLESMERE COLLEGE: P Knowles; A Greensmith, J Akande, D Marvell, M Mann; M Marvell, D Hopkins; C Terquini, J Hale, T Richards, W Hart, D Laws, M Weighill, M Furniss, R Morris.

MERCHANT TAYLORS' CROSBY: J Gardner; L Pretsell, D Clift, J Stewart, I Wright; G Glynne-Jones, A Antrobus; D MacCrimmon, P Coats, P Jones, R Stubbs, A Dickson, I Scott, J Brennand, J Lee.

Referee: R Price (N Midlands).

OLYMPIC GAMES

A small island with big ideals

COMMENTARY



David Miller
Chief Sports Correspondent

Guam

The piece of paper was formally signed here yesterday which makes this tiny island the newest member of the Olympic family, and entitles Judd Bankert, an accountant, to be their single competitor at the Winter Olympic Games in Calgary in February. He will compete in the biathlon, and nothing comes tougher than that.

Inhabited probably 3,000 years ago by the Chamorros, the first known race of the Mariana Islands east of the Philippines, Guam was discovered by Magellan in 1521 and colonized by Spain in the next century. At the end of the Spanish American War, the United States claimed Guam in 1898, and following occupation by the Japanese during the Second World War, the island gained independent government in 1950.

It remains a major strategic base for the United States in the Western Pacific, with 40,000 servicemen stationed among one of the most mixed populations on the Pacific islands: some 130,000, who are predominantly Chamarros, Filipinos, Spaniards or Americans. Guam gained Olympic status by the affiliation of individual sports to the respective international federations, and Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), signed the membership documents yesterday.

Bankert, who emigrated from Seattle seven years ago, epitomizes the Olympic spirit. He has given up his job to train in Alaska. With loss of income and the cost of equipment, his Olympic participation will cost him $20,000 (about £11,300). His wife is working to subsidize him.

Swimmers are strongest suit

A party was held last night in celebration of Guam joining the same club as China, the Soviet Union and the rest of the big boys who win the medals and the glory. China's water polo team has twice been here, and Guam's water polo team will go to Perth in March hoping to qualify for the Summer Games in Seoul. Swimming is Guam's strongest sport. Patrick Sagisi and Annie Dierking, two record-holders, aged 17, will be in a combined team of 15 to 20 competitors who will go to Seoul hoping to gain the experience which might carry them through several rounds in Barcelona in 1992, when they should be at a peak.

Nothing could better demonstrate the motivation which exists among tiny nations than Guam's self-help in sending a team 150-strong to the South Pacific Games in New Caledonia in December. Guam have no hope of Olympic success; the taking part is all.

Under the leadership of Michael Reidy and Geoff Burke, the president and general secretary of their Olympic committee, over $240,000 (£136,000) has been raised by holding dinners, seeking donations and washing cars. Competitors have also contributed $500. Reidy, the finance minister, is only too aware that his Government cannot afford to subsidize the team, however much it might wish.

The journey to Seoul will be far less expensive per capita. A certain starter will be Julie Ogborn, a former gymnast, who was 33rd out of 44 finishers in the women's marathon in Rome in August.

Two years waiting for a fight

Less certain is John Truex, a massive figure who towered over Samaranch. As a super-heavyweight, he has a record of 50-2, one of his defeats being to a ranked American amateur. Truex is still trying to find out the qualifying conditions for his event. Apart from the occasional visiting American serviceman, there is no one in the North West Pacific to give him even a training bout: his last fight was two years ago. He keeps fit by running and swimming and by working as a diving instructor.

The women's water polo team — an event recognized internationally, but not on the Olympic programme — is buoyant. Winnie Shilloma, one of their organizers, said: "We have competed overseas a few times, but mostly for fun. We're very competitive and we don't think we would finish last if they accept the event in 1992."

Predictably, Guam has some superb yachtsmen, but none of them race in Olympic classes, even though their association is affiliated to the International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU). David Beezley, who is secretary of the biathlon, triathlon and pentathlon association, and Bill Wofford are hoping they might be able to buy, and enter, a Tornado for the Olympics, in which there is no pre-qualification.

Under Samaranch's presidency, the number of Olympic committees in Oceania, the most financially hard-pressed of all regions, has risen from four to 11. He was entitled to feel pleased last night when Joseph Ada, the governor, appointed him "Ambassador at Large for Guam". Undoubtedly these people are now feeling that they have achieved something significant and worthwhile.

Fournier signs

Berne (Reuter) — Jean-Pierre Fournier, the chief trainer of the Swiss women's Alpine ski squad, has renewed his contract until May 1989, the Swiss Ski Federation (SSV) has announced. Fournier, aged 39, led the Swiss women to unprecedented success last winter. After winning all five gold medals at the world championships, they emphasized their superiority by adding the five World Cup titles.

Strong team

Tim Hutchings, the former English cross-country champion, is in a strong British team which will compete in France on Sunday at the Bolbec 10 kilometres race.

TUESDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

LITTLEWOODS CUP: Fourth round replay: Bradford City 1, Reading 0.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 4, Watford 0.

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Preliminary round: Blackpool 0, Carlisle United 1; Brentford 3, Notts County 2; Burnley 3, Rochdale 2; Bury 5, Wigan Athletic 2; Cambridge United 0, Colchester United 0; Chesterfield 2, York City 0; Exeter City 0, Newport County 1; Halifax Town 3, Scunthorpe United 0; Hartlepool United 1, Doncaster Rovers 0; Leyton Orient 2, Aldershot 2; Stockport County 1, Bolton Wanderers 3; Sunderland 7, Rotherham United 1; Walsall 3, Cardiff City 1; Wolverhampton Wanderers 3, Bristol City 1.

FIRE FARE SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen 1, Hibernian 1; Dundee 2, Motherwell 0; Falkirk 4, Dundee United 1; Heart of Midlothian 3, Dunfermline 2; Morton 0, Rangers 3.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Kettering 1, Barnet 1; Stafford 1, Telford 1; Wycombe 2, Dagenham 1.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers 1, Millwall 3; Charlton 1, Chelsea 4; Fulham 1, Swindon 3; Portsmouth 0, Tottenham 3; Queen's Park Rangers 1, Norwich 2.

GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Second round: Sutton 2, Leytonstone/Ilford 0.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 2, Kingstonian 1; Leyton-Wingate 2, St Albans 1; Windsor and Eton 1, Farnborough 2. First division: Uxbridge 1, Stevenage 2; Wembley 1, Worthing 2; Wolverton 1, Walthamstow 2. Second division north: Berkhamsted 4, Hertford 0; Hemel Hempstead 0, Hartlepool 4; Ware 2, Barton 0; Wivenhoe 5, Heybridge 1. Postponed: Clapton v Witham; Saffron Walden v Finchley. Second division south: Banstead 0, Eastbourne United 5; Dorking 0, Egham 0; Fleetwell Heath 1, Chalfont St Peter 5; Horsham 0, Ruislip Manor 1; Metropolitan Police 1, Feltham 1; Southall 0, Hungerford 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Matlock v Morecambe. First division: Leek 2, Atherton 0; Eastwood Town 0, Harrogate 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: First round: Burnham 0, Tonbridge 2; Gravesend and Northfleet 0, Dartford 2; Moor Green 1, Halesowen 2; Thanet 1, Folkestone 1; Waterlooville 3, Hounslow 0. Midland division: Atherstone 1, Merthyr Tydfil 1; Bilston 1, Paget 1. Southern division: Postponed: Corinthian v Chatham.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevedon 4, Barnstaple 1. League Cup: Mangotsfield 4, Paulton 2.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Roadferry Cup: Semi-final: Coleraine 0, Linfield 0 (Coleraine win 4-3 on pens; at Seaview).

HERTS CHARITY CUP: Semi-final: Boreham Wood 0, Bishop's Stortford 1.

KENT SENIOR CUP: First round: Bromley 2, Dover 1.

ESSEX SENIOR TROPHY: Second round, second replay: Rainham 1, East Thurrock 0.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Harwich 5, Tiptree 0.

EUROPEAN YOUTH CUP: Qualifying match: Wales 2, Scotland 3 (at Cardiff).

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Luton Town 1, Derby County 4.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Four hope to collect cup of good cheer

Four players important to their clubs will appear before the disciplinary committee at Leeds today in an attempt to keep clear of suspension (Keith Macklin writes). They are all concerned in the quarter-final ties of the John Player Special Trophy this weekend, and even the minimum of a one-match suspension would keep them out of the ties.

The four are Lee Crooks, the Leeds front-row forward and goal kicker, Des Foy, of Oldham, and the Salford players, Peter Glynn and David Bullough.

Salford would be particularly hard hit, since they entertain the favourites, Wigan, and are hoping to pull off a minor giant-killing act. The game has been made all-ticket, with an 8,000 capacity. Oldham visit Warrington, and Leeds travel to play the second division outsiders, Springfield Borough, at Wigan.

● Hull Kingston Rovers have cut the transfer fee of Andy Kelly, their second-row forward, from £60,000 to £40,000.

FOR THE RECORD

TENNIS

CAPE TOWN: Exhibition event: P Cash (Aus) bt H Leconte (Fr) 7-6, 6-2; K Curren (US) bt S Edberg (Swe) 7-6, 3-6, 7-5; J Hlasek (Switz) bt J Arias (US) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; D Pate (US) bt C Van Rensburg (SA) 7-5, 6-4.

ITAPARICA, Brazil: Brazil Open tournament: First round: A Gómez (Ec) bt D Rostagno (US), 6-3, 7-6; C Motta (Br) bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 3-6, 6-3, 6-0; E Sánchez (Sp) bt J Lozano (Mex), 6-3, 6-4; B Gilbert (US) bt R Seid (Arg), 5-7, 7-5, 6-2.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, West Germany: Young Masters tournament: First round: B Becker (WG) bt N Kulti (Swe), 7-5, 5-3; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt C Pistolesi (It), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; D Wheaton (US) bt C Bergstroem (Swe), 6-4, 6-4; A Antonitsch (Austria) bt U Steinlund (Swe), 6-2, 7-5; P Kuehnen (WG) bt J Carlsson (Swe), 2-6, 6-3, 7-5; J Svensson (Swe) bt O Kristiansson (Swe), 6-1, 6-2; E Winogradsky (Fr) bt C-U Steeb (WG), 7-5, 6-2; T Muster (Austria) bt F Schabner (WG), 6-0, 6-0; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt N Kulti (Swe), 6-2, 6-1; A Antonitsch (Austria) bt D Wheaton (US), 4-6, 7-6, 6-0.

MUNICH: Grand prix tournament: Men's singles, first round: P Moraing (WG) bt A Paris (It), 1-6, 6-3, 7-5; R Smith (US) bt A Thoms (WG), 6-2, 5-7, 7-6; M Dickson (US) bt P Baur (WG), 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; F Wrann (Swe) bt S Nensel (WG), 6-1, 6-2; F Segarceanu (Rom) bt A Mmoh (Nigeria), 3-6, 7-6, 7-5; S Vasudevan (India) bt C Panatta (It), 6-2, 4-6, 8-4; M Oosting (Neth) bt J Potter (Fr), 6-3, 5-7, 7-5; B Stankovic (Cz) bt J-W Lodder (Neth), 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCH: Rugby (R Montgomerie and P Rackowe) bt Radley (L Osmiry and P Davise-Jones), 15-10, 15-6, 15-11, 8-15, 15-10.

REAL TENNIS

HOLYPORT: Racecom National League: Hampton Court 1, Royal County of Berkshire Club 1 (Hampton Court names first): C Ronaldson bt C Lumley, 6-3, 6-2; K King lost to M Hayward, 5-6, 6-2, 2-6. Queen's Club 1, Ségocourt 1 (Queen's Club names first): D Johnson bt C Bray, 6-2, 6-4; N Smith lost to P Brake, 4-6, 1-6.

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Third round, first leg: Honved Budapest (Hun) 5, Panathinaikos (Gr) 2.

AMSTERDAM: Supercups: First leg: Porto (Por) 1, Ajax (Neth) 0.

BULGARIAN LEAGUE: Chernomorets 4, Lokomotiv Gorna Oryahovitsa 0; Lokomotiv Plovdiv 3, Lokomotiv Sofia 0; Beroe 3, Spartak Pleven 3; Silven 4, Spartak Varna 1; Vitosha 4, Vranza 2; Etur 1, Minyor 1.

SPANISH LEAGUE: League Cup: First round, second leg: Real Madrid 3, Sestao 0 (Real Madrid win 3-0 on agg); Las Palmas 1, Rayo Vallecano 1 (Las Palmas win 4-2 on agg).

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Ipswich 2, Southampton 2.

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: St Andrew's 3, Edinburgh 3; Aberdeen 6, Glasgow 3; Strathclyde 2, Stirling 2.

CYCLING

ZURICH: Six-day race: Second-day positions: 1, R Hermann (Liech) and A Doyle (GB), 35pts; 2, V Dietl and R Guenther (WG), 35; 3, U Freuler (Switz) and D Thurau (WG), 20; 4, P Escalera and A Baltl (It), at one lap, 30; 5, P Schwarzentruber and B Holenweger (Switz), 21; 6, B Vallet and L Biondi (Fr), 13.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Pilkington	9	8	1	0	17
Milford	8	6	0	2	12
Wakefield	9	5	0	4	10
Dudley Hill	9	5	0	4	10
West Hull	6	3	1	2	7
Heworth	7	3	0	4	6
Leigh Miners	7	3	0	4	6
Millom	8	3	0	5	6
Egremont	9	2	0	5	5
Wigan St Patricks	10	1	0	9	2

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University 34, M. R. Steele-Bodger's XV 28; Oxford University 14, Harlequins 29.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bishop's Stortford 3, Berkhamsted 7; Latymer Upper 30, King James, Henley 9.

SQUASH RACKETS

KARACHI: Pakistan Western tournament: First round: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt G Williams (GB), 9-1, 9-1, 9-2; Umar Hayat Khan (Pak) bt Sohail Qaiser (Pak) 9-2, 9-3, 7-9, 10-8; P Kenyon (GB) bt J Hickox (GB), 9-2, 9-0, 9-1; B Martin (Aus) bt Qamar Zaman (Pak), 9-2, 9-5, 2-9, 9-5; Zarak Khan (Pak) bt Hiday Jahan (GB), 8-9, 9-4, 5-9, 9-3, 9-5; C Robertson (Aus) bt A Wahidullah (Pak), 9-4, 9-2, 9-1; Maqbool Ahmad (Pak) bt R Hill (Aus), 9-3, 9-1, 9-7; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt Mir Zaman Gul (Pak), 7-9, 9-1, 9-1, 9-2.

CRICKET

RENMARK, South Australia: Tour match (one-day): New Zealand 197 for 8 (50 overs; A Jones 48, G Stephenson 3-37); South Australia Country XI 112 (45.2 overs; W Watson 3-15, E Gray 3-24).

BADMINTON

SUNDERLAND: Carlton v Vauxhall Challenge: Second round: Singles: N Yates (Cavaliers) bt M Kjeldsen (Vikings), 15-13, 15-3; M Frost (Vikings) bt S Beddaley (Cavaliers), 15-6, 15-2. Doubles: H Svarrer and PG Jonsson (Vikings) bt D Hall and D Travers (Cavaliers), 15-12, 18-15. Match result to date: Vikings 1, Cavaliers 0.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Calderdale Explorers 87 (Johnson 22, Brandon 21), Leicester Riders 75 (Vaughan 25, Young 14).

WINSTON-SALEM, North Carolina: Exhibition match: Wake Forest University (US) 86, Belgium 67.

LEXINGTON, Kentucky: Exhibition match: University of Kentucky 73, Soviet Union 72.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES (indoor): Berkshire 170, Somerset 113; Norfolk 135, Essex 122.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Slough 4, Oxford University 2.

BOXING

WISBECH: Light-heavyweight (4rms): Calvin Hart (Lowestoft) bt Darren McKenna (Alfreton), pts. Welterweight (6rds): Oliver Henry (Kings Lynn) bt Frankie Lake (Bournemouth), pts. Cruiserweight (6rds): Gipsy Carman (Wisbech) bt Tommy Taylor (Hednesford), pts. Heavyweight (6rds): Mike Jones (US) bt James Oyebola (Paddington), rsc 2nd. Middleweight (10rds): Nigel Benn (West Ham) bt Ian Chandler (St Helens), KO 1st.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia: Heavyweight contest (10rds): Trevor Berbick (US) bt Bobbie Evans (US), pts.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Toronto Maple Leafs 4, New York Islanders 3

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Qadir the nine-wicket wonder of the East

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Lahore

A wonderfully sustained and accurate spell of leg-break and googly bowling by Abdul Qadir enabled Pakistan to dismiss England for 175 when the first Test match began here yesterday. Coming on 40 minutes after the start and bowling unchanged for the rest of England's innings, he took nine wickets for 56 runs in 37 overs, the best figures ever returned against England.

Although the pitch was not a good one on which to start a Test match, being slow and second-hand, it was a joy to see Qadir at work. England would say, I expect, that he is enough of a handful without their having the umpires to contend with as well. But playing him as they did, they made as many as they deserved to, and for every wicket he took he beat the bat half a dozen times.

The chief sadness was that there were so few spectators. I doubt whether there has ever been a Test match, anywhere and at any time, that has been watched on the first day by a smaller crowd. I wish the International Cricket Conference had been present in force to see what is happening to Test cricket in countries where the one-day game is accorded an importance out of all proportion to its intrinsic merit. On a gorgeous morning approximately 300 people saw the opening overs on a ground that holds 50,000.

For definition and distinction, Qadir's bowling was in a different class from anything seen even from him in the recent World Cup. Of England's first eight batsmen, the only one to make anything of him was Broad, who was in for over three hours and had gone most of the way towards carrying his bat when he was eighth out at 94.

Broad used his long forward reach to scotch Qadir's spin and being left-handed was an advantage. Gooch, Robinson, Gatting, Athey, Capel, DeFreitas and Emburey made 28 runs between them, though the ball never exactly spat at them. Besides Broad, only Foster and French brought any comfort to England. Thanks to them, the final total was not a humiliation and the game is far from over.

SCOREBOARD FROM LAHORE

At LAHORE: *England won toss*

ENGLAND
First Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
G A Gooch b Qadir	12	-	1	56	45
B C Broad c Mujtaba b Qadir	41	-	4	192	165
R T Robinson c Ali b Qadir	6	-	-	37	33
*M W Gatting lbw b Qadir	0	-	-	2	2
C W J Athey lbw b Qadir	5	-	1	13	15
D J Capel c Mujtaba b Tauseef	0	-	-	16	17
P A J DeFreitas lbw b Qadir	5	-	-	19	32
J E Emburey b Qadir	9	-	-	12	10
N A Foster lbw b Qadir	39	2	4	89	62
†B N French not out	38	-	4	109	83
N G B Cook c Miandad b Qadir	10	-	1	20	35
Extras (b 4, lb 14, nb 1)	19				
Total (83 overs)	175				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-36, 3-36, 4-44, 5-55, 6-70, 7-81, 8-94, 9-151.
BOWLING: Akram 14-4-32-0; Mudassar 5-3-9-0; Qadir 37-13-56-9; Tauseef 23-9-38-1 *(nb 1)*; Qasim 4-0-22-0.

PAKISTAN
First Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
Mudassar Nazar not out	11	-	2	18	15
Ramiz Raja not out	0	-	-	18	4
Extras (b 1, nb 1)	2				
Total (no wkt, 3 overs)	13				

Salim Malik, *Javed Miandad, Ijaz Ahmed, Asif Mujtaba, †Ashraf Ali, Wasim Akram, Abdul Qadir, Iqbal Qasim and Tauseef Ahmed to bat.*
BOWLING: DeFreitas 2-1-7-0 (nb 1); Foster 1-0-5-0.
Umpires: Amanullah Khan and Shakeel Khan.

BEST TEST BOWLING

Bowlers who have taken nine wickets or more in a Test innings

10-53	J C Laker	England v Australia (Old Trafford)	1956
9-28	G A Lohmann	England v South Africa (Johannesburg)	1895-96
9-37	J C Laker	England v Australia (Old Trafford)	1956
9-52	R J Hadlee	New Zealand v Australia (Brisbane)	1985-86
9-56	Abdul Qadir	Pakistan v England (Lahore)	1987-88
9-69	J M Patel	India v Australia (Kanpur)	1959-60
9-83	Kapil Dev	India v West Indies (Ahmedabad)	1983-84
9-86	Sarfraz Nawaz	Pakistan v Australia (Melbourne)	1978-79
9-95	J M Noreiga	West Indies v India (Port-of-Spain)	1970-71
8-102	S P Gupte	India v West Indies (Kanpur)	1958-59
9-103	S F Barnes	England v South Africa (Johannesburg)	1913-14
9-113	H J Tayfield	South Africa v England (Johannesburg)	1956-57
9-121	A A Mailey	Australia v England (Melbourne)	1920-21

Only Jim Laker (10 for 53 and nine for 37), George Lohmann (nine for 28) and Richard Hadlee (nine for 52) have ever taken so many wickets for so few runs in a Test innings as Qadir did now. The only other bowlers to have taken nine in an innings against England were Hugh Tayfield (nine for 113) at Johannesburg in 1956-57 and Arthur Mailey (nine for 121) at Melbourne in 1920-21.

Not least, Qadir's was a triumph of stamina. Miandad let him bowl long after his fingers had lost their snap, no doubt because Qadir wanted to. He was enjoying the chance to go through his full repertoire, something which the one-day game precludes.

I wish I could say that, because England's batsmen had such a struggle, Pakistan's are likely to do the same. But it is a pitch on which the finger spinners are going to have to work hard for their wickets. In 27 overs yesterday Pakistan's two, Tauseef and Iqbal Qasim, took one for 60. Emburey and Cook, though unlikely to be collared, will do well to come within a long way of matching Qadir. Being a great day for the lovely and elusive art of leg spin, yesterday was a good day for cricket in general, not only Pakistan's.

It really began in the eleventh over when Qadir marked out his run. Until then Wasim Akram and Mudassar had been going through the formalities with the new ball. England had won the toss and the first run had not come until the fifth over. The first wicket came in Qadir's third over, Gooch being bowled by a top-spinner which he was playing off the pitch but quite failed to read. To one batsman after another Qadir's spin was a closed book, to none more than Robinson, who was beaten several times by the leg break until being caught at the wicket off one.

Gooch is badly in need now of some runs against Qadir. But there was no better indication of England's lack of confidence than the sight of Robinson coming forth, the spinners already on, in a helmet with bars in front of his face.

In the same over that Robinson was out Gatting was leg-before, sweeping at his second ball, a leg break. If this was a bad decision, as it well may have been, it was also an injudicious stroke, especially in view of the number of times on the tour (six out of eight) that the captain has been out in much the same way. He is such a good straight hitter, too.

By lunch Athey had also been leg-before, sweeping at Qadir. Immediately afterwards Capel was given out, much to his despair, caught at silly point, pushing forward to Tauseef. DeFreitas was in for 11 overs before being leg-before, aiming to pull Qadir off the back foot (a decision which went undisputed by word or gesture) and Emburey for four overs before being bowled off his pads by a googly.

When Broad forced a short ball from Qadir straight into silly mid-off's midriff, England were 94 for eight, still 36 runs short of their lowest total against Pakistan, and Qadir had taken seven for 26 in 23 overs.

More certain of what they intended to do than most of those who had gone before them, Foster and French now added 57 for the ninth wicket. French's wicketkeeper's training may have helped him tell Qadir's t'other from which and when in doubt he pushed out. If Foster saw anything he fancied he aimed it to long on rather than square leg, hitting both Qadir and Tauseef for six. Having pushed back the close fielders, he took himself a little seriously perhaps, and it was when propping forward that he was out, leg-before to Qadir.

By the time Qadir finished England off, with the help of a good falling slip catch off a leg break, England's last two wickets had all but doubled their score. At The Oval in the last Test last summer and here yesterday, Qadir's combined figures make awesome reading: 134.4-49-267-19.

I can remember one full toss he bowled yesterday but not a single long hop. And it was not as though he merely rolled the ball, he really spun it, the googly sometimes the best part of a foot. No one left the crease to play him, nor would it have been easy to do so. It was, in fact, no disgrace to England that he bowled them out, so long as next time they are seen to have benefited from the experience.

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Tongue of fire: Qadir articulates the art of leg spin yesterday (Photograph: Graham Morris)

END COLUMN

Opening up sport in the USSR

By Chris Than

The reform process in the Soviet Union, commonly known as *perestroika*, is having a profound impact on sport. *No stone is being left unturned.*

Officials in the Soviet Union speak openly about previously sacrosanct subjects like drugs, shortage of facilities and lack of qualified coaches. *Professionalism in sport, one of the ideological taboos of Communist orthodoxy, is being reappraised.* The unthinkable has happened: football is about to enter the era of the professional player.

Dnieper, a first division club from the Ukraine, has been chosen for an experiment in what the chairman of the Soviet Football Federation, Viacheslav Koloskov, has called "economical accountancy". That means Dnieper will receive no more subsidies from the authorities and, instead, will have to rely on gate takings to finance operations.

"The status of the players will also change, providing that the performance is right," Koloskov said. They will be expected to earn 400 to 600 roubles (£400 to £600) per month – *quite a pathetic sum* compared to the wages for professional footballers in the United Kingdom but a comparatively substantial salary in the Soviet Union.

There will also be a transfer market but without such negative features as "the slave-trading transfer sums of the *Western professional system*". Should the Dnieper experiment succeed, other clubs, like Dinamo Kiev, Zenit Leningrad, Dinamo Tbilisi and Ararat Ervan are willing to give it a try.

A club without a state subsidy

Although Koloskov describes the new breed as a socialist type of professional player, his remarks represent a refreshing departure from the traditional ideological hard line. In the same vein, Koloskov challenged the status of the players belonging to the services clubs. Dinamo (police) and TSKA (army). "A clear fact," he said, "to be a soldier means already having an occupation. The players of these clubs have to decide either to stay in the army or take their leave."

A Russian tennis revival, *inspired in part by next year's Olympics*, is gaining momentum, and starting next year certain players will be allowed to keep a percentage of their prize-money.

In a frank interview, Eduard *Tatulian, the new director* of coaching of the Soviet Rugby Federation, has explained that a shortage of qualified coaches and a lack of quality referees have hampered development.

"Unfortunately there are only three or four coaches in the Soviet Union who are indeed outstanding. In order to make progress we need *10 times as many*," he said.

Confessing that a Soviet presence in the World Cup would have given the game a new lease of life, he singled out South Africa as the sole stumbling block for improved relations but seemed confident enough that the good will on both sides can help to solve *this dilemma*.

A chain reaction follows reforms

All of the officials I spoke to agreed that General Secretary Gorbachov's reforms have triggered off a healthy chain reaction in Soviet sport. *"Perestroika* is leaving its mark," the coach of the Soviet weightlifting team, Alexei Sidorovich Medvedev, said. "For example, I'm the first coach of the Soviet *weightlifting* team to be elected by secret ballot."

Medvedev, himself a world record holder and former national coach, was brought back to the helm to salvage the badly dented reputation of Soviet *weightlifting*, after two years of battering at the hands of the Bulgarians.

He has indeed succeeded in arresting the decline and at the recent world championships Soviet competitors won twice as many titles as they carried home the previous year. According to Medvedev, *perestroika* was responsible for the success.

"We talked openly about shortcomings and remedies before the world championships. This new attitude has had an immediate impact on the morale of the Soviet team and we'll do so much better next year at the Olympics in Seoul."

Police approve Luton's plans to stage cup tie

By Martin Searby

Luton Town have been given the go ahead to stage their Littlewoods Cup quarter-final against Bradford City at their Kenilworth Road ground in January. After a board meeting yesterday, Luton sought and received police approval of their plans to accommodate 3,500 visiting supporters.

No doubt the record of good conduct by followers of the Yorkshire club was taken into account by the police, who earlier this year turned down Luton's application to stage the tie against Coventry City in the same competition and forced them to move the game to Leicester City's Filbert Street ground.

Luton, who do not allow visiting supporters into their ground for League matches, will ask Bradford to sell their allocation of 25 per cent of the tickets to card holders in their membership scheme, or season tickets holders.

The crowd capacity at Kenilworth Road, now reduced to 14,000, will be even less on the night because of allowances that have to be made for some segregation of spectators.

"We anticipate about 12,500 to 13,000 for the game," the Luton secretary, Bill Tomlins, said. "We were 80 to 85 per cent certain the police would say we could stage the match and now all that needs to be done is get the approval of the safety department of the local council, which should be a formality.

"Bradford operate a good membership scheme and have supporters who behave pretty well, so we envisage no problems that cannot be dealt with. We had to move the earlier tie against Coventry because the police did not feel they could handle the same number of fans. I believe there had been one or two problems when they played at Cambridge."

The second division leaders, who have reached this stage of the competition for the first time in 22 years, are expecting a tremendous demand for tickets.

"We shall have to accept the difficulties of some 6,000 supporters chasing 3,500 tickets," their secretary, Terry Newman, said. "If the game had been moved to a bigger venue, then obviously we would have received a larger allocation."

The plastic pitch, the bugbear of so many teams, is unlikely to inconvenience Bradford, who regularly train on a similar surface. Terry Dolan, their manager, says: "I am confident we can take on any team outside the first half-dozen in the first division and give a good account of ourselves. There is no reason, given the way we are playing, why we shouldn't go all the way."

The quarter-finals take place on January 19, with Bradford and Manchester City the only clubs from below the first division remaining in the competition.

Hunt on for Oval sponsors

By Ian Stafford

The Government is planning a series of meetings with selected businesses in the next four weeks to find sponsors for The Oval, the home of Surrey County Cricket Club.

At a meeting yesterday, at the Department of the Environment (DoE) in Westminster, Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, told representatives of Surrey's board of management that there was scope for sponsorship, particularly from the private sector, and that he was optimistic for the financial safety of the ground.

The Conservative MP, David Davis (Boothferry), who was asked to help after the DoE turned down Surrey's application for a £1 million Government grant last month, and Phillip Hammond, a marketing consultant and former Oxford University colleague of Moynihan's, intend to scour the country to find *private money*.

"At the meeting Surrey were given an update on developments," a DoE spokesman said. "The club's flexibility concerning sponsorship was discussed, as well as the possibility of substantial bank loans and the selling of private boxes."

Raman Subba Row, the chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board and also of Surrey's management board, was also pleased by the meeting's outcome. "It was a *constructive progress report*," he said. "Various avenues were examined."

Kankkunen first to retain crown

By Andrew Longmore

LOMBARD RAC RALLY

After the dramas of the third day, during which Alen and Ericsson rolled and Brookes was forced to retire in the mud of the Kelder Forest, Kankkunen quietly and coolly drove into the history books on the fourth and final day of the Lombard RAC rally yesterday. Already the youngest world champion at 28, he had now become the first driver to retain the world title.

Having taken the lead in his Lancia Delta on the second stage on Sunday morning, Kankkunen held it to the end of stage 48, winning by a comfortable 3min 12sec from the Swedish veterans, Eklund and Blomqvist, who battled heroically throughout the last day.

McRae continued his remarkably consistent run in the rally, *finishing as top Briton in* fourth place and in the top 10 for the fifth consecutive year, with Llewellin a highly creditable seventh.

"I came to the Lombard rally determined to win but you can never be sure of the British forests," a triumphant Kankkunen said after the final stage.

While Kankkunen had learned from the mistakes of last year, when he rolled on the Grizedale stage in Cumbria, his rival for the world championship, his Lancia team mate, Allen, clearly had not. In retrospect, his critical mistake came when he rolled on the first day, losing 36 seconds. From then on he had to make up time and his increasingly frantic efforts to do so led to two more rolls and a total of over 10 minutes lost.

It was typical of Alen that he set the fastest time on the last five stages yesterday, as if to show he had not lost his touch, but the Welsh championship and his first victory in the RAC still elude him and his last chance of both might have disappeared.

Mindful of his record on this rally – he has rolled in all his five previous attempts – Kankkunen eased back on the throttle yesterday to ensure that he stayed upright. Eklund, in his Audi Quattro, and Blomqvist, in his Ford Sierra, could afford no such luxury. They went hammer and tongs at each other throughout the final stages in Scotland and the Lake District. In the end Eklund, who had started the day 31 seconds behind, overhauled his compatriot on the long and tough final stage at Grizedale in the Lake District.

McRae, in contrast, had a lonely drive. He was never going to catch the Swedes and was able to defend his position easily against the one behind, Ericsson, who had thrown away his chance of victory on the previous day. Having sorted out his mechanical problems, McRae had a relatively trouble-free ride home, ending the rally six minutes and 33 seconds off the pace.

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), Lancia Delta, 5hr 26min 36sec; 2, P Eklund (Swe), Audi Quattro, 5:29.48; 3, S Blomqvist (Swe), Ford Sierra, 5:30.16; 4, J McRae (GB), Ford Sierra, 5:33.15; 5, M Ericsson (Swe), Lancia Delta, 5:35.11; 6, M Alen (Fin), Lancia Delta, 5:35.26; 7, D Llewellin (GB), Audi Quattro, 5:48.41; 8, M Jonsson (Swe), Opel Kadett, 5:48.36; 9, C Sainz (Sp), Ford Sierra Cosworth, 5:49.16; 10, K Eriksson (Swe), Volkswagen Golf GTI, 5:51.20.

WORLD DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP (Provisional final standings): 1, J Kankkunen, 100pts; 2, M Biasion (It), 94; 3, M Alen, 86; 4, K Eriksson, 69; 5, J Ragnotti (Fr), 51; 6, E Weber (WG), 44, 7, P Eklund, 40; 8, H Mikkola (Fin) 32; equal 9, S Blomqvist and J Recalde (Arg), 30.

Long break for Walsh

The Football Association yesterday imposed a three-match ban on Steve Walsh, the Leicester City central defender, which means that he must now miss nine consecutive matches (Dennis Shaw writes).

Walsh, who also served a two-match suspension earlier in the season, will be out of football until after the third round of the FA Cup on January 9.

This latest suspension was imposed as a result of him reaching 21 points for accumulative bookings, and is in addition to a six-match punishment already passed for violent conduct against David Geddis on the first day of the season. He lost an appeal against that ban.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Tredegar expelled

Tredegar, who ended Glamorgan Wanderers' unbeaten start to the season by knocking them out of Rugby Union's Schweppes Cup at the weekend, have been expelled from the competition for fielding an ineligible player.

After an anonymous telephone call to the club, Geoff Thomas, the Wanderers' secretary, lodged a protest with the Welsh Rugby Union. The WRU upheld the protest when it was found that the transfer from Cilfynydd of Mark Fowler, a threequarter, had not been registered in time.

Player fined

A prop forward who punched an opponent during a game and broke his jaw was fined £50 and ordered to pay £100 compensation by Cardiff magistrates yesterday. Gary Trevis, aged 26, a Cross Keys player, pleaded guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm on Peter Huckle during a game between Cross Keys United and Glamorgan Wanderers A in Cardiff.



Douglas: retained

Douglas in charge

Desmond Douglas, recently in dispute with the English table tennis hierarchy over his playing contract, has retained his place as England captain for next month's European League match against Italy in Sicily. Douglas, aged 32 and in his 15th season as an international, will be looking to add to victories over Turkey and Austria to continue the team's promotion bid.

Waring back

Ian Waring, a pace bowler released by Sussex at the end of last season, has been reappointed by the county as assistant to the new chief coach, John Jameson.

Testing time

Random drug tests of athletes in training, and a ban from the Olympics and other major events for those refusing to take them, are to be implemented by the Italian Track and Field Federation.

Easy does it

The touring New Zealand cricketers notched a comfortable 85-run victory in a 50-over match against a South Australia Country XI in Renmark yesterday. The tourists' total of 197 for eight was always beyond reach and the Country XI were all out for 112 with five overs to play.

Pieces of eight

Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, the Australian Open champion, and Australia's Wimbledon champion, Pat Cash, will launch the Masters tennis tournament at New York's Madison Square Garden next Wednesday, in the first match of an event reserved for the world's top eight players.

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